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- God's response to the people 14:11-12
 - Expressed strong displeasure in their lack of confidence in Him
 - Expressed His intention to strike them with pestilence, disinherit them and raise up a nations greater and mightier through Moses.
- Moses' response 14:13-19
 - Expresses his concern that the nations who have observed what God had done would misinterpret God's actions
 - Appeals to the character of God as slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
 - Recognizes the righteous justice of God
 - Appeals to God to pardon the people based on God's character.

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- God's response to Moses' prayer 14:20-38
 - God granted the pardon to the people therefore sparing the nation as a whole.
 - Pronounced judgment that none of the people 20 years old and up would enter the land but would die in the wilderness with the exception of Joshua and Caleb
 - Their children will suffer in the wilderness for 40 years because of their disobedience.
 - Their children would enter the land
 - The rest of the men who spied out the land were immediately killed by a plague.

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- God's response to Moses' prayer 14:20-38
 - God ordered them to turn back into the wilderness the next day.

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- The response of the people 14:39-45
 - Mourned greatly
 - Decided that they would go into the land in further disobedience to the LORD.
 - Never presume that you will get a second chance when God lays an opportunity before you.
 - Trying to reconstruct a blown opportunity to obey God will always end in failure.

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- Although it is going to be 40 years before they enter the land, the LORD further instructs His people related to the sacrifices when they enter into the land. 15:1-20
 - Protocol is given for the grain and drink offerings to accompany the animals sacrificed. Many of these offerings would be the ones where the people gathered to consume a part of what was offered.
 - People who were not Israelites could participate in these sacrifices and offerings as long as they followed the same rules as the Israelites.
 - A first fruit of the bread was required.

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- Contrast between unintentional sin and sin “of a high hand” 15:22-31
 - Unintentional sin of the congregation. A sacrifice is prescribed, and forgiveness assured.
 - Unintentional sin of an individual. A sacrifice is prescribed, and forgiveness assured.
 - Sin with a high hand. No sacrifice is prescribed, and the person cut is off (can refer to banish or death) from the people and will bear the guilt of the sin.

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- Execution of a Sabbath Breaker 15:32-36
 - This would be an example of sin committed with a “high hand” Exodus 31:14; 35:2-3
 - The observance of the Sabbath was the most visible and noticeable distinction setting the Israelites apart as the people of the one true God Who had created the heavens and the earth in six days and rested on the seventh.
 - God sees the results of actions as they impact eternity and always brings judgment in keeping with His knowledge and wisdom. (Compare with Ananias and Sapphira, Acts 5:1-11)

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- As a tribute our forgetfulness, God orders a visual reminder to keep His law 15:37-41
 - Tassels on the clothing, including a blue cord.
 - A reminder:
 - Not to follow after what merely seems or feels right
 - Not to follow after what looks good.
 - Our inclination is to do what we want which inevitably leads to disloyalty to God.
 - Remember to follow God's command and reflect His holiness