

Give Me This Mountain

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Introduction

1. Joshua 14:12
2. Joshua is dividing the land among the Israelites 14:1, 5
3. The land that Caleb walked on as he spied the land would be his as promised by God 14:9
4. Caleb is now 85 years old. 14:7, 10
5. The mountain would not be easy to take, but Caleb knew he could do it. 14:12
6. Let us contemplate the city, the faith of Caleb, and thus the commission of Caleb

II Discussion

1. The city Hebron
 - a. It was a place of worship Genesis 13:18 and became corrupted
 - b. It was a place of information Genesis 18:1 a child and destruction
 - c. It was a place of death and burial Genesis 23:2; 49:31
 - d. It was a place of plenty, walled cities and giants Numbers 13:27-33; Joshua 14:12
 - e. It was a place of promise Joshua 14:9
 - f. It was a place of refuge Joshua 20:7; 21:11, 13
 - g. It was a place of the king 2 Samuel 2:1; 5:1, 5
2. The faith of Caleb
 - a. God had promised them a land that flowed with milk and honey Leviticus 20:24
 - b. He followed God wholly 14:8, 9, 14
 - c. He followed the God fully Numbers 14:24
 - d. He faced giants Numbers 13:28, 30
 - e. He faced stoning Numbers 14:10
 - f. He believed what God said, but he understood that he had to do something to receive the blessing
3. The commission of Caleb
 - a. He was willing Numbers 13:30; Some are willing but do nothing
 - b. He did Numbers 14:24; Joshua 14:14
 - c. He had faith that God was capable of doing as He has promised Romans 4:20-21; Hebrews 6:18
 - d. He did not close his eyes to the facts
 - i. He did not deny the cities were walled
 - ii. He did not deny the giants were there
 - iii. It was hard, we have hard work before us, what will we do?
 - e. He was not afraid to do what God said to do. 1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Corinthians 10:4; Ephesians 6:11-14; 2 Timothy :3-4

III Conclusion

1. Let learn from characters in the Bible Romans 15:4
2. Let us be like Caleb who was willing and not afraid to do the Lord's work
3. Let us put our hands to the plow and not look back Luke 9:62
4. Let us go forward looking unto Jesus Hebrews 12:2
5. Let us obey today Hebrews 5:8-9

Sources: Firm Foundation lecture on Joshua 1987; ISBE; All the men of the Bible; Strong's Concordance; Lessons from Old Testament characters MSOP lecture 1990; Matthew Henry commentary; Keil & Delitzsch commentary; Vine's OT words; Interlinear O.T.