

Joshua 15

v8

“which is at the end of the valley of the giants northward”

- There was a valley of giants. The valley of Rephaim (2 Samuel 5:18)

v14

“Caleb drove from there the three sons of Anak-Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmi-the descendants of Anak.”

- Caleb and Joshua were the oldest of all the children of Jacob. In today's generation he would have been ignored/despised because of his age!

- *Judges 1:10 “and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi”*

- They didn't just drive them out into the land of the neighbouring tribes. They destroyed them and their legacy!

- The three giants are just the highlights. No doubt they had armies and allies. What The Lord accomplished in Caleb is amazing!

v15-17

“Caleb said, He who smites Kiriath-sepher and takes it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter as wife.”

“And Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's brother, took it; and he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife.”

- GILL: *Which he ordered to be proclaimed through the army that was under his command; and which was done not so much on the account of the difficulty of taking the place... but that others, who were officers, and men of valour under him, might gather some laurels as well as himself.*

- We can see in this the heart of an unselfish man considering/encouraging the younger men. Caleb was not trying to make a name or a kingdom for himself. He led an example of faith and confidence in The Lord and then gave opportunity to those under him to follow in His footsteps.

- We are introduced to Othniel who later becomes a Judge. This divinely inspired invitation/challenge from Caleb becomes a sure foundation for a Godly judge to be recognised and raised up.

- The fruit of Caleb's life is beautiful seed.

v18-19

“Give me a blessing; for you have given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs.”

- Achsah had been given a land. She had a provision... Now she asked for a blessing. She asked for an inheritance. She asked for more!

- *Luke 11:9-10 So I say to you, Ask and keep on asking and it shall be given you; seek and keep on seeking and you shall find; knock and keep on knocking and the door shall be opened to you. [10] For everyone who asks and keeps on asking receives; and he who seeks and keeps on seeking finds; and to him who knocks and keeps on knocking, the door shall be opened.*

- Achsah was not afraid to ask a blessing from her father. She was free and confident in her father's love. She trusted in his kindness, favour and understanding.

- She approached in humility and obedience, but she also was bold in her asking and direct. She didn't come lazy, casual, proud or familiar. She showed reverence, fear and honour.

- We too should not be afraid to ask blessings from our Father. He loves to hear our hearts' desires and to bless us for His name's sake. The Father loves to bless His children.

v63

“As for the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.”

- We read that “Judah could not drive them out” but God had not changed. There was no lack in The Lord. They had not exhausted The Lord's strength or reached the end of His promise.

- We have to remember the promises and commands that they have already been given from The Lord. Remember the victories and testimonies that they can look back on. They have promised and guaranteed victory if they will have faith and fight in obedience.

- There is no good reason or excuse that can stand here.

- There can be no excuse for sin. There is no reasoning for lack. We have been promised and given every victory; full possession of the land... But our selfish desires, laziness and lack of faith lead us into defeat.

- *2 Peter 1:3-4 For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue). [4] By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.*