

“TAKING POSSESSION OF YOUR PROMISED LAND - PT. IV”

[Conclusion - the Life of Caleb]

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TEXT: Numbers chapters 13-14; Joshua chapters 14-15.

REVIEW/INTRO: We've travelled with the people of God as they've taken possession of The Promised Land in the book of Joshua. **You're not too old to do exploits for God (Josh. 13:1; 23:1)!**

I. CALEB, THE OPTIMISTIC SPY (Num. 13-14).

- A. In Numbers 13 twelve spies are sent to spy out Canaan.
- B. Canaan was fertile but inhabited by powerful people.
- C. Ten of the spies gave a negative report (13:27-28, 31-33).
- D. Caleb gave a positive report (Num. 13:30; 14:6-9).
- E. The 10 spies compared the opposition to themselves whereas Caleb compared them to God & His promises!
 1. Caleb had a different spirit and wholly followed God (Num. 14:24; 32:12; Deut. 1:36).
 2. Will you be a modern-day Caleb?

II. CALEB, THE OPTIMISTIC SENIOR CITIZEN (Josh. 14:6-15; 15:13-19).

- A. Caleb reviews his history with Moses (Josh. 14:6-9).
 - B. Caleb gives his assessment of his current fitness (14:10-11).
 - C. Caleb asks for Hebron – a mountain with giants (14:12).
 - D. Joshua agrees (Josh. 14:13-15).
 1. What does “gave” mean here (Josh. 15:14-15)?
 2. Caleb's daughter's request (Josh. 15:16-19).
- Any daughters of Caleb in the house?
 - Any modern-day Caleb's in the house?
 1. Are you wholly following the Lord?
 2. Do you have a different spirit?
 3. Is there still a mountain God wants you to take?
 4. Are you willing to take on a few more giants?

CONCLUSION: For those of you who are old and advanced in years [however you define that!], there yet remains territory to conquer! **You're not too old to do exploits for God (Josh. 13:1; 12:1; Num. 13:30; 14:8-9; 14:24)!**