

Patiently Courageous - Caleb Joshua 14:6-12

Lessons From The Past

OT contains stories of many characters from which we may learn

Joshua 14 tells how Caleb asked for and received his mountain

Who was this Caleb? Why could he expect to receive this mountain?

What can we learn from Caleb to help us in our pilgrimage?

Who Was Caleb? - Numbers 13-14

Possibly of Esau, not Israel - **Joshua 14:6**

Possibly the Kenizzites inhabiting Canaan - **Genesis 15:19**

Descendants of Esau thru Eliphaz - **Genesis 36:11,15; 1Chronicles 1:36**

He was a true Israelite in spirit - **Joshua 14:14; Numbers 13:2,6**

He was a man of courage - **Numbers 13:21,30**

Stood firm in face of danger - **Numbers 14:10**

Had complete faith and trust in God - **Numbers 13:26-30; 14:8-9**

Why Could He Receive This Mountain?

Surrendered his life totally to God, affirmed by:

God - Numbers 14:24; Moses - Joshua 14:9; Caleb - Joshua 14:8

Spared by God - **Joshua 14:10**

Spared discouragement - **Joshua 14:8**

Not discouraged by walled cities of Canaan - Quieted people when they were scared of land

Spared from disbelief - "Let us go up at once and occupy it" - **Numbers 13:30; Numbers 14:11,24**

Others were filled with unbelief - **Hebrews 3:16-19**

Spared from death when all others died - **Numbers 14:38; 1Corinthians 10:9-10**

Lived a strong life - Was 85 when he asked for the mountain - **Joshua 14:10-11**

Drove the 3 giant sons of Anak from the land - **Joshua 15:14**

Depended on God for strength - **Joshua 14:12**

Faith challenged by facing giants - Did not ask Joshua to conquer the land for him

God's faithfulness also demonstrated - Promised Caleb the mountain, Gave Caleb the mountain

Was satisfied with God's will - **Numbers 14:8**

Waited patiently for his inheritance - **Joshua 14:6-12**

Lived at peace for God was with him

How Can We Benefit From Caleb's Story?

Lesson in character-First was a man of God - needed today

Courage; unafraid of world or persecutions - **2Timothy 1:6-8,12**

Dedicated; constantly striving in our tasks - **2Timothy 4:5; 2:15**

Have faith in God's promises - Caleb waited - **2Peter 3:9**

Be a living sacrifice - Caleb travelled with a disobedient, whiny bunch - **Romans 12:1-2**

We will face our own mountains Our faith will be challenged as was Caleb's

Personal weaknesses, difficult tasks; Will you stand firm?

Don't be afraid to claim God's promises - Caleb asked mountain - **Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 7:7-8; 6:33**

By Surrendering to God Caleb's Life was Spared.

By being satisfied with God's plan he remained strong received his reward.

Today with God's help we can face our mountain with courage and confidence we will conquer it.

But as Caleb, we must follow Lord fully. You can't hold back, you can't doubt or waver.

You must have another (different) spirit than the world - **Numbers 14:24**

You must do God's will not just call on his name - **Matthew 7:21**