

Caleb's Mountain

- 1. Between the Battle of the Five Kings in Joshua 10, and Caleb's request in Joshua 14, the Bible gives a record of all the Canaanite cites that Joshua had conquered. Joshua had become old (13:1), and though there was much land left to conquer, it was time for Israel to divide the lands between the tribes of Israel.
- 2. (14:6-9) Before the apportioning took place, Caleb approached Joshua and reminded him of two things:
 - a. That he wholly followed the LORD when he was appointed as one of the twelve spies (Num. 13:6) and did not cause the nation's heart to ______ as the other spies had done.
 - b. The God promised him an inheritance of the land that his feet had trodden this land was the foothills of ______. (Num 14:23, 24)
- 3. Caleb was 40 years old when that promise was made _____ years later, he was ready to inherit the promise.

APPLICATION → Caleb is an illustration of great faith. The phrase "wholly followed the LORD" appears five times in the Bible, and Caleb is referenced each time. To wholly follow the LORD means that we are faithful to believe that God is _______ to His Word. Though the land had giants and cities walled up to heaven, Caleb did not fear them because he trusted the promises of God.

- 4. (14:10-12) Caleb also magnified God by...
 - a. ...attributing his vitality in old age to God's ______ strength.
 - b. ...____ God to give him the victory over the Anakims of Hebron.

Achsah's Springs

- 5. (15:13-17) After driving out the three sons of Anak, Caleb conquered Hebron (Kirjath-arba). Next, he set his sights on Debir (Kirjath-sepher), another Canaanite city in the Judean foothills. But this time, he enlisted the help of men of valor by offering his daughter's hand in marriage to the man who conquered Debir.
 - a. ______ was the brave warrior who conquered Debir and married Achsah.
 - b. Othniel would later become one of the _____ of Israel and defeat the king of Mesopotamia, bringing a forty-year peace to Israel. (cf. Judges 3:5-11)
- 6. (15:18-19) The Bible records that Achsah made a very wise request for her wedding gift: since she had been giving the blessing of land in the south (which would be very _____) she asked that she given springs of water. Caleb granted her request.

APPLICATION → Caleb was a skilled warrior, a great leader, a faithful believer, and a generous father. Achsah's wise request and Caleb's fatherly kindness reminds us that "if earthly parents are ready to bestow on their children that which is good, much more will our heavenly Father give every necessary ______ to them who ask Him."¹

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Conclusion

Notes:

- 7. It was said of Caleb that he "had another spirit" (Num. 14:24) one different than the other 10 spies; his was a spirit that "wholly followed the LORD." Caleb was one who fulfilled the command to "love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." (Deu. 6:5) Caleb shows that those who wholly follow God will...
 - a. ...walk by faith, not by _____
 - b. ...glorify God for the _____ we enjoy
 - c. ...wait patiently for the LORD to fulfill His _
 - d. ..._____ the LORD even when most others don't

Answer Key: Key word(s): "wholly" • 2. a. melt; b. Hebron • 3. 45 \rightarrow faithful • 4. a. gracious; b. trusting • 5. a. Othniel; b. judges • 6. arid \rightarrow blessing • 7. a. sight; b. blessings; c. promises; d. obey

How to use this worksheet for personal Bible study: (1) Read the Bible passage given in the Story Elements section. (2) Read through the worksheet and try to fill in the blanks without looking at the **Answer Key**. (3) Check your answers with the key and make the necessary corrections. (Note: some answers are a matter of opinion, and often more than one answer is correct. (4) Write down your own thoughts, applications, and questions for further study in the **Notes** section.

¹ Robert Jamieson, A. R. Fausset, and David Brown, *Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible*, vol. 1 (Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1997), 153.