

CALEB, A FOLLOWER OF GOD Joshua 14:6-15

CALEB: Means Dog; bold and impetuous; WHOLEHEARTED.

INTRODUCTION

The worldling's fame ends only in the blinding mists. It is not so with the Man of God for the, "...Path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day", Proverbs 4:18

Caleb's career did not end in the cold vapor of disappointment like that of the halfhearted, grasping Balaam. Caleb "followed God fully" and was rewarded abundantly.

HIS CHARACTER. He was:

1. Honest

1. "When Moses sent me to espy out the land, I brought him word again as it was in my heart." V. 7
2. His heart was right with God. Solomon said, "The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips." Proverbs 16:23

2. DEVOTED LIFE "I wholly followed the Lord my God." v. 8

1. We show our devotion by a consistent course of life. What it means to follow God wholly:
 1. We only follow God aright when we follow him wholly.
(1) No half-way; wishy-washy following. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."
 2. It is to obey his commands...follow the course of his will, Matt. 25:11; Luke 6:46.
 3. To follow Him wholly is to EMULATE HIS LIFE:
 - (1) To try to do as he did, Matt. 5:48.
 - (2) To follow Christ and his teaching, Mark 1:16-20.

Had another spirit with him, num. 14:24

3. CHARITABLE "Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt." V. 8
 1. His companions (brethren) brought back an evil report of the land, SURELY IT FLOWETH WITH MILK AND (Numbers 13:27) honey, and this is the fruit of it
 2. What his brethren did:
 - (1) Brought back an evil report of the land. *James 4:11*
 - (2) Discouraged the people, Dishonored God; Gave the lie to Caleb's own testimony, and almost stoned Caleb and Joshua, Still, he speaks of them as his brethren. CHARYT SUFFERETH LONG AND IS KIND. 1Cor. 13

