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God Drives Out the Giants

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If you have your Bibles, open to the book of Joshua tonight; chapter 14. There is something we want to talk about here tonight, the Lord being our helper just for a few moments. I'm going to read something in a different place just to give you a little bit of background.

Numbers 13:28 Nevertheless the people *be* strong that dwell in the land, and the cities *are* walled, *and* very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

Numbers 13:29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

Numbers 13:30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

Numbers 13:31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they *are* stronger than we.

Numbers 13:32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, *is* a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of a great stature.

Numbers 13:33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.



Joshua 14:1 And these *are the countries* which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance to them.

Joshua 14:2 By lot *was* their inheritance, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and *for* the half tribe.

Joshua 14:3 For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and an half tribe on the other side Jordan: but unto the Levites he gave none inheritance among them.

Joshua 14:4 For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: therefore they gave no part unto the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell *in*, with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance.

Joshua 14:5 As the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

Joshua 14:6 Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadeshbarnea.

Joshua 14:7 Forty years old *was* I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadeshbarnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as *it was* in mine heart.

Joshua 14:8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

Joshua 14:9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

Joshua 14:10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while *the children of* Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I *am* this day fourscore and five years old.

Joshua 14:11 As yet I *am* as strong this day as *I was* in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength *was* then, even so *is* my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

Joshua 14:12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great *and* fenced: if so be the LORD *will be* with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

You read the story, that I read to you was in the book of Numbers, chapter 13. It was part of a story that when the children of Israel—we know that they were in Egypt for 430 years. We know God sent Moses down and Aaron and brought them out. We know that God had promised them the land of Canaan; The Promised Land. It was a land that flowed with milk and honey. They left Egypt and they came—it was just a short trip

from Egypt to the land of Canaan. It wasn't very far at all. They could have traveled it in a few days. They get up where they could look over into the land of Canaan and they decided they were going to send over some spies to spy out the land.

When you read the story, you will find out that Moses says, "Okay, if that is what you guys want to do then that is what we will do." They chose a man from each of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. One of those guys was named Caleb. Do you remember him? Do you know what his name means? His name in Hebrew means dog.

I got to thinking about that. I did a little bit of studying on that. I'm not sure of any names in Hebrew—I don't know why they did what they did. I don't know why they meant what they meant.

However, Caleb was somebody different. Caleb and Joshua—actually the Bible says about Caleb, God testifies about Caleb that he had another spirit about him. When they get to Kadesh here the first time, they leave Egypt. They are just a short way. They come over the land of Canaan. They send the spies over to look at the land. They go over and look at it for forty days and come back.

What I read to you was a part of the conversation that happened. They came back carrying a pod of grapes on a pole between them. That is how big, and no doubt, probably the grapes were this big around on this pole that they had carrying between these two men. They came back and said it is a great land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey. However, ten of these spies said we can't do it. There are walled cities over there. Canaanites, Jebusites, Amorites, and the giants are all over there. We just can't go do it. Do you know what Caleb did? He said wait a minute guys. Hold on a minute. We can go. We can do this. God is on our side. God has given us this place. God has promised us this land and we can go. If God is for us who can be against us? we can get this. We can do this. That is true today. If God is in it there is nothing we can't do.

The enemy will tell us that we can't do anything. However, when God is in it and God is blessing it and it is God's will, we can move mountains. He can move mountains.

Remember this. Caleb was born in Egypt. He was born in slavery. Okay. That is where he was born at. He is 40 years old, the Bible will testify when you read it. He is 40 years old when he comes. He spies out the land. He comes back and gives the report that I just told you. However, the ten spies discouraged, the ten other people that went with them; they discouraged the rest of the crowd.

That does happen. It does really happen. Not everybody is going to buy into what you think you can do. Even though God is in it, even though that God has given it to you; not everybody is going to buy in, and not everybody is going to participate in what God is directing you and leading you to do. Not everybody is going to do that.

The Bible says this. That they discouraged the people. The people said we can't go, even though Joshua and Caleb said you can go. We can do it. However, they said we

know we can't do it. We wished we would have stayed in Egypt. We should have just stayed in Egypt. We know the story.

Get this. We know the story. God said that's fine. If you don't want to go that's fine. If you don't want to go then you are not going to go. We know that for the next 40 years, they wandered around in the desert. They were going around in circles, for the next 40 years and they never get anywhere. Everyone of those people that were above 20 years old died except two of them. They all died except two of them and those were Joshua and Caleb. Forty years passes.

Now keep something in mind. Sometimes life gets hard. Sometimes life gets hard and the way gets hard. Sometimes it may even get discouraging.

Think about Caleb. He had been to the promised land. He had seen the food over there. He had seen that land. He had seen what God had promised him. He had seen his inheritance. Do you know what Caleb knew? Caleb knew, "I'm going to get there one day. I'm not going to let this crowd of unbelievers drag me down." Do you know what? He didn't.

He was with them. He walked around with them. He buried their bodies in the sand. Thirty years later, Caleb is as strong at 80, as he was at 40. The Bible says that. Actually, it says 85. He was there.

Get this. He had this vision in his mind all these years. God has promised me something. If you read the story, you will know that Moses promised Caleb there that he could have the southern part of the land. He was going to give this to him. He could have it. ...he's part of the tribe of Judah. He could have the part of the southern land. Caleb saw it. Caleb looked at. Caleb knew what was waiting on him.

Listen. If there was ever a day that you and I should get a glimpse of heaven and know what is waiting on us, it is today; because we are going to heaven one day. Praise His name. We live in a world of unbelievers. We live in a world that does not believe God. They may come to church some of them, but they don't believe that God is going to do anything.

Do you know what I purpose to do? I'm going to go on because I got a glimpse of yonder. I don't know what heaven is all about but I know there are streets of gold up there. I know there is a river of water of life clear as crystal, proceeding forth from the throne of Almighty God. I can read about the tree of life, on either side of the river. I can read buildings. I can read about mansions that God has promised us, and I am going to go despite what this world wants me not to do. Aren't you? I am going to purpose to do that.

Here is Caleb. He saw it. He saw the land. Five years goes by. Ten years goes by. They are still going around in a circle. I saw the land. Lord, I know I am going to get there. Lord, I know you told me that you were going to give me the land. Twenty years goes by. Lord, I know you promised me the land. I know, Lord, I am going to get there

one day. Thirty years pass. Forty years pass. All of the sudden, the day came. We know that they went across. We know that the whole generation died. We know that God took this new generation across. Two of them—we talked several nights ago—there were probably a couple of million left, but only two of them made it to the promised land. Amen! That should be a lesson for you.

Anyway, the day came. When you read the book of Joshua, chapter 14; the day came. They had entered the land, when you read the first part of Joshua. They had fought at Jericho. They had failed Ai. They had all kinds of issues. Yet, they had went through most of the land, when you read the book; you will find out that they had victory over the major enemies and the major cities. Joshua, Caleb, and the rest of the people had victory over all of them.

Get this. There are still some little areas around, and we are going to talk about that just in a minute. The day finally came. The day that God is going to separate and give the children of Israel, the tribes their land by lot that He had promised that He was going to give them. Get that.

When you read the first part of chapter 14, you will find out that they did exactly how they were supposed to. The priest was here. We know that they called everybody together and they were going to do this as it should be done. They were obedient to what God said. Two and a half tribes were going to stay on the other side of the river. We know that. If you read the story, we know that two and a half tribes were going to be on the east side and the other nine and a half tribes were going to be on the west side. Here they are. The day came for Caleb to get what he as promised forty—some years before.

You read the story, he is 85 years old now. Forty-five years have passed after God made a promise. We get impatient if something does not happen overnight. We get impatient if something does not happen in a week or two or three. We get impatient. We pray. God doesn't answer. We get all torn up. We think God is not going to do anything. We are going to die before God fulfills what He says. It is not going to happen that way. If God says He is going to do it, then He is going to do it. amen! They may be pushing us around in a wheelchair but if God is going to do it then God is going to do it. amen!

Forty-five years later, he is 85 years old. As you read Joshua, chapter 14; they begin by tribes. Judah is the biggest tribe. Judah is the tribe that had most of the warriors in it. Judah is the first tribe that is called. Do you know what tribe Caleb was in? Judah!

Get this. Look what he does. When you read verse 6—then children of Judah came into Jo

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LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadeshbarnea.

Do you know what the first thing he does? He reminds Joshua and he reminds the priest that is there and those that are going to be separating the land by lots; hey, Joshua do you recall what God said through the mouth of Moses forty-five years ago when we were at Kadeshbarnea? Do you remember that? He had not forgotten about it. All these years, there is no doubt in my mind and I believe this sincerely that there probably wasn't a day that went by that he got up and looked all around him in the wilderness and people dying. He could picture the promised land. He could picture the land that God said, hey, you are going to have one day.

We live in a land of the dying today. We live in a land where me, you, our family, and our children are dying. Thank God, we are going to a land where there will never be any dying. Isn't that great! That excites me. That should excite you.

Joshua 14:7 Forty years old *was* I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadeshbarnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as *it was* in mine heart.

I was 40 years old. Moses said we need to go. I went. I came back and told him everything that was in my heart.

Joshua 14:8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

They discouraged everybody else. The ten that went said we can't go. The people believed the ten. The crowd said, okay we won't go. Joshua makes this statement.

Even though the other ten discouraged the people and said they couldn't go. They were a bunch of cowards. I wholly followed the Lord, thy God. The rest of them did not guys. Joshua you know they did not. Joshua you were standing there beside of me when they picked up stones and were going to kill us. Do you remember that Joshua? That is in the book also. He says, Joshua do you remember? Moses promised me something and I want it. God promised something through Moses to me and I want it. I have seen it. I have been there. I have walked through it. I have been there. My feet have stepped on that land and I want it. I have wholly followed the Lord. I have been faithful to God. He called me. He commissioned me. He had His hand upon me. I have listened to His voice. I have done what He asked me to do. Now I want what He promised me.

There is nothing wrong with that. Do you know what I do? I ask God to bless me all the time. Don't you? You should. There is nothing wrong with asking God to bless you. Amen! Goodness. We have a God that loves us. Why shouldn't we ask Him to bless us?

Do you know why we don't? Because we don't live right half the time. It is hard to ask God to bless us when we know we are not living right. Amen!

Caleb knew he was living right. He wasn't a bit afraid of asking God to bless him. That is what he did. God, I want what you gave me. I want what you promised.

Joshua 14:9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

Wholly, completely. If you are going to get or accomplish anything that is worth accomplishing; it is going to be because you have some commitment in your life. Amen!

We make New Year's resolutions. I get this one. I need to make some about losing some weight... Here is the thing about it. I can make all the resolutions I want but if I do not commit to doing it, if I don't commit to leaving the cake alone, the recess cups; if I don't commit to leave those things alone then do you know what is going to happen? In two months from now I am going to be bigger than I am now. Commitment!

Do you know what Caleb was? Caleb committed; he was wholly committed unto the Lord. He knew where he had been. He knew where God was going to take him to. He knew what he saw. He knew it was going to be a place where he could raise his family—his children and grandchildren and he wanted it.

I want to go to heaven. Don't you? I am going to go to heaven. Not because I have been good. If you go it is not because you have been good; we have not been so good. Do you know why we are going to go? We are going to go because Jesus promised us that we could go if we would simply just follow Him. We don't have to be good because we are not good.

It irks me sometimes when I hear people talking about how perfect they are. They never make mistakes. They never do this. They never do that. I know better.

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He is going to praise God for giving him a long life.

Do you ever thank God for letting you live? I hope when you get up of the morning that you thank God for giving you another day. I hope you thank God that He has opened your eyes when He opens your eyes the next morning. I hope that you do. If He doesn't then you won't be here. Amen!

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the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I *am* this day fourscore and five years old.

Lord, I thank you that you have kept me through the wilderness, through all the dying, all the issues, all that has gone on; I thank you for these last 45 years that you have kept me alive. Lord, I thank you for the battles that we have fought at Jericho and Ai and all these other places that we have fought; thank you, Lord, that you have kept me alive. Hallelujah!

It is great to be alive! Do you know that? It hurts sometimes. We have pains and aches, and sorrows and all that stuff; but it is great to be alive.

I thought about what the sister a while ago. Living a Christian life is the sweetest thing in the world. Living a Christian life; you can have a disposition about you that is sweet, kind, and gentle and it is so great—you know that. You can live that way. You can feel that way on the inside. You don't have to be fake. You can be real. It is so great to do that. There is nothing any better than knowing where you need to be and knowing where you are going.

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God, by the mouth of Moses made this statement and promised me 45 years ago. Now this day I am going to get it. I want what God has promised me.

Get this. Don't think I am being a smart aleck. Don't think I'm being nothing...do you know what I want? I want everything that God has for me. Everything in this life that God has for me; I want it. amen! Do you know why? I am not boasting. I am not trying to be greedy. However, if God gives it to me it will be good. If God gives it to me; do you know what we should do with it? *Use it to glorify Him*. Do you know what happens? When we use what God has given us to glorify Him...He will open the storehouse of heaven. The floodgates open.

Here is the whole lesson. I have never seen this in this scripture. I have read it over the years so many times.

Joshua 14:11 As yet I *am* as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so *is* my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

Do you know what he says? I am just as strong now as I was 45 years ago. Lord, if you need me to go fight; then I am going to go fight. Let's go. He was ready. Do you know why? Because he knew there was something there—get this—he knew the inheritance that God had promised him; there were going to be some battles to fight.

What I never saw before was this.

Joshua 14:12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great *and* fenced: if so be the LORD *will be* with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

Do you get that? Here is the whole lesson. If you read the story, you will find several times where the scripture testifies about Caleb that he wholly followed the Lord.

Get this. Back 45 years ago, one of the big issues for the people not to go over and occupy the land was the giants. Amen! That was one of the big issues. Do you know where they dwelled at? They dwelled in Hebron. Do you know what Caleb is asking for? He is asking for Hebron.

You guys would not go in because of the giants. That is exactly where I want to go. You guys would not go in because of the giants. I know they are there. By the hand and help of Almighty God; I am going to drive them out. This is mine. I am not going to let them keep it. By the hand of God, we are going to win. Amen!

Most people, do you know what they would have done? If you would have seen the giants; you wouldn't have been like Caleb. There are giants down there. They are in the south. Let me go to the north. Do you know where Caleb wanted to be? He wanted to be right where the giants were at. Do you know what he knew? *He knew that with the hand of God upon his life, he knew that God would drive out the giants.* This was going to be the place where he was going to raise his children, his grandchildren, and his great grandchildren. Do you know what he purposed? There were giants in that land 45 years ago, and there are still yet giants here, but they are about ready to leave. Amen!

Listen. There may be giants in your life tonight but when we will wholly follow the Lord, listen to His voice; I promise you *He will drive out the giants in our lives.* Amen! Hallelujah! That should excite us! It does me.

Listen. We are in a battle. We are in a battle like we have never been before. The church is in a battle like we have never been before. Christian people are in a battle like we have never been before. I know one thing. Where the giants are at that is where I want to be at because I know when we defeat them; these other little pip—squeaks are going to leave also. Amen!

Listen. When I was in school, I was a little guy. I promise you. I am going to bring my jacket that I wore when I was a junior or senior in high school. You are not going to believe that I was that small, but I was. I was four feet and something tall. Everybody picked on me. That is how it was. One day I had enough of it. One day I just had enough. They would knock the books out of your hands. They would pick you up and throw you down. Anyway, he was the toughest football player we had, and he wasn't that big. He had arms this big around. He was solid. He started picking on me one day and I just went off. I started beating on him. I hit him with everything I had. I was

wearing him out. However, he just stood there and laughed at me. From that time on, I did not have any trouble with anybody else. Do you know why? Because everybody else knew if he is going to pick on him; I'm not going to mess with him. That has happened.

That is the way things work in our Christian life. When we beat the bully, some of these other little guys over here knocking the books out of your hands are going to leave. Amen! Do you know why? Because God loves us. God will defend us if we will let God defend us. Do you know why?

Listen. Do you know why I want to be where the giants are at? Do you know why? *Because your children depend on me, you, and us running the giants out.* Your children, your grandchildren are depending on us. They are depending on us to fight the giants. They can't fight them. Your kids can't fight them. However, you and I can. It is time we put on our big boy panties and start fighting the enemy.

He is there. He is real. Do you know what he is trying to do? He is trying to destroy your family. He is trying to destroy your kids. He is trying to destroy your grandkids. *It is time we put on the whole armor of God and get to work.* Amen!

Come and pray—