

Let us begin the thirteenth lecture on Joshua. / Today's word is chapter 14. / In this chapter, we can read about the request Caleb made.

/Verses 1-5 are about the division of the land of Canaan. / In verse 1, the lands were distributed based on the lots the tribes drew.

/Please read verse 1. / *Now these are the areas the Israelites received as an inheritance in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun and the heads of the tribal clans of Israel allotted to them.*

/After they conquered the land, they began to divide and distribute the lands, just as Moses ordered them. / How did they distribute the land? / Just as Moses ordered them.

/God gave His order to Moses / and he gave God's order to the people. / We cannot please God when we do whatever we want to do. / We can please Him when we obey His commands.

/They drew lots to divide the lands. / Why? / To find out His will. / They sometimes drew lots to find out the will of God.

/God's people should do everything according to His will. / God hears our prayer when we pray according to His will. / Everything will go well when we do everything based on God's will.

/He at times reveals His will through Scripture / and through the Holy Spirit. / He also does so through our good conscience.

/At times we find out His will in accordance with His providence. / The Israelites drew lots here to find His will. / They did so also to prevent resentment and conflict among them.

/They would have fought with each other easily / had they not draw lots. / They would have fought against each other for the better / and more lands. / Thus, they drew lots to avoid such situations.

/Today people fight against each other because of their greed. / They quarrel, / complain, and blame a lot in their interaction with others. / But God's people should not complain and be resentful. / We should seek God's will and obey it. / In verse 3, no inheritance was given to the Levites.

/Verse 3. / *Moses had granted the two and a half tribes their inheritance east of the Jordan but had not granted the Levites an inheritance among the rest,*

/“Moses... had not granted the Levites an inheritance among the rest,” it is written. / The Levites are in charge of offering sacrifices in God's temple. / Why did Moses not grant them any inheritance? / This is because God is their inheritance.

/God will provide them with what they need if they serve Him faithfully in the temple. / God took care of them when they lived in faith. / God did not grant them inheritance in order for them to focus on His work.

/In the New Testament, we all are holy priests. / If God's people live God-centered life / and serve Him well / and live by faith, God will be our inheritance / and provide us with all our needs.

/God is the master of our life / and provider of our needs. / We who are saved through Jesus live not by bread but by faith.

/If we faithfully hold onto our faith, / He will be with us / and provide us all our needs in life.

/In verse 4, the tribe of Joseph receives double portion. / Why so? / Joseph is a man of faith who obeys God. / Even today, God provides much grace and many blessings to people with strong faith.

/God lets one expand his territory based on his faith. / They divided the land just as the Lord commanded Moses.

/Verse 5. / So the Israelites divided the land, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

/God fulfills His works through His workers. / The verse says, the Israelites divided the land, just as the Lord had commanded Moses. / In every generation, God appoints workers of His / and reveals His secrets through them.

/The regenerated believers should do everything according to His command. / They have to ask themselves, "What does God tell me to do today?" / Why do many people fail these days?

/Because they refuse to obey God, He refuses to help them. / Believers will not experience failure when they obey His commands.

/There is a command today that God demands to his people / in any circumstances / and situations, / including our daily lives. / We need to find out what that is.

/We Christians can live a successful life when we live an obedient life. / Next in verses 6-12, we can read about the request of Caleb. / He requested to God in faith.

/Verse 6. / Now the people of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the LORD said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me.

/During the time when God was about to give the land of Canaan to the Israelites, / through Moses God sent out twelve spies to check on the land. / The ten of them were negative after they returned and told others that they will not be able to take over the land.

/But Caleb and Joshua reported to Moses in faith. / "That land is the land God has given to us." / "We can conquer it." / Ten of them said the mission was impossible, while Caleb and Joshua had faith.

/In verse 7, Caleb says, "I brought back a report according to my convictions." / Not only did he reported in faith, / but also in convictions. / He saw the land of Canaan with the eyes of faith.

/Of course, human reason would conclude that the victory over the seven tribes is impossible. / But Caleb saw the land with the eyes of faith. / Even though the land was already determined to be given to the Israelites by God, / the difference between perceiving it with eyes of faith and of body made the difference.

/The eyes of faith convicted Caleb and Joshua that the land was given over to them by God. / But the eyes of flesh caused others to be full of human thoughts. / That is, thoughts like “The tribes in Canaan are powerful.” / “We cannot overcome them with our strength.” / “That land is unconquerable.”

/They thought with human reason, without considering the will of God. / But Caleb was convicted in his heart. / He was convicted of victory because he was sure the land was given by God, / even if human reason may say otherwise.

/Even today, God’s promise is kept no matter what. / As long as God allows, all of His promises will come true. / His will transcends all of our situations. / Verse 8 describes about Caleb’s faith.

/Verse 8. / but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, however, followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly.

/The fellow Israelites he went up with made the hearts of the people melt in fear. / Caleb, on the other hand, confessed that he has followed the Lord his God wholeheartedly. / By “wholeheartedly,” / he means that he completely obeyed God. / It means that he obeyed God and pleased Him.

/What should be our focus? / More than seeking benefits and satisfactions of our own, / we should do works that please God. / So that God will approve whatever we do. / We should own faith which God will compliment.

/Caleb wholeheartedly served Him. / There are many people today who serve Him halfheartedly. / Half of their heart is set on the world. The other half is to God.

/However, we should serve God with all our heart. / We should pray wholeheartedly / and praise wholeheartedly. / We can savor all of the grace of His words when we wholeheartedly listen to His words being preached.

/God will accept our service only when we fully worship Him in the service. / God will approve us when we begin to focus our heart and follow Him. / Of course, being approved by people is also important in our lives these days.

/But the most important thing for us believers / is that we become people who receive God’s approval. / How much is God pleased with our lives right now? / Will God be pleased looking at our life?

/Believers whose lives are approved by God can be successful. / Caleb was the one who wholeheartedly followed after Him to the point of His satisfaction.

/We should follow Him, after His heart. / Next in verse 9, Caleb asked for what God granted him.

/Verse 9. / So on that day Moses swore to me, ‘The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly.’

/It is written, “The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance / and that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.” / This is God’s promise to Caleb told through Moses.

/Caleb asked for what God granted him. / He did not ask in greed. / God said it, / so he asked for the land which God promised to give him as his inheritance.

/Today we should ask God / for what He promised us. / Thus, we should hold onto His word and pray. / We should pray according to His will every time we pray. / And every time we pray, we should do so in obedience to His word.

/There are promises God has given to all of us today. / There are inheritance God has promised us. / In every prayer, we should pray that His will be done.

/We must believe that whatever God allowed to us will be fulfilled. /Caleb did not ask Joshua / in greed / or for fame. / He just asked for what God promised him. / When we read about him, we see that his faith was unchanging.

/Verses 10-11. / "Now then, just as the LORD promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old: ¹¹ I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then.

/Caleb became 85 years old. / He said, "I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then." / Even if he aged very much, / his faith did not age at all. / We can see here how spiritually disciplined he was.

/He loved the Lord the same / and trusted His promise. / He lived in the hopes for the land God has promised him. / He was not afraid of aging. / He was 85 years old, but he was still young in spirit.

/He was still spiritually healthy. / Even in his old age, he was still convicted of the promise. / Isn't it easy for humans to forget a promise as they age? / But Caleb was different. He was convicted of His words and held onto it.

/People are prone to change. / A devout believer today may become disobedient the next day. / Especially in the last days, there will be many who leave the faith. / But Caleb's faith was unchanging.

/His situation changed / and became old. / But he was constant in his relationship with God. / We should have unchanging faith.

/Even if the world and circumstances change, / our faith should be the same in our relationship with God. / He is eternal / and never changing.

/But since people change in their faith, God stops working in their life. / Apostle Paul confessed / that he served Him in times of abundance / and in times of poverty. / What does the best faith look like?

/It is one which transcends circumstances. / There are people who only pray in times of poverty / and leave Him in times of comfort and abundance.

/There are also some people who serve God well in times of abundance, / only to leave Him in times of failure in their business and difficulty. / The best faith we can have today /is an unwavering / and transcends every situation. It is to trust God till the end.

/We should love Him unchangingly. / We should be unchangingly loyal / and devoted to God, / until we reach Heaven. / Caleb kept on his faith even in times

of trouble.

/In verse 10, he confesses that the Lord kept him alive. / He was sure of his calling. / What was it? / Conquering the land of Canaan.

/God determines our death and life. / He calls some of the believers to Heaven / while He leaves some on the earth. / You all would know this well. / There is an order when people are born in this earth.

/Grandparents, parents, / the order of birth goes like that. / But there is no order in death. / We can never know when God will call us and take us to Heaven.

/In such a way, God is the determiner of our life and death. / Caleb knew that God let him live in this land. / Why does God grant us life? / To eat well and wear good clothes?

/To enjoy the wealth and riches of this world? / We are still alive because we each of us have our callings and responsibilities to fulfill. / Just like how Joshua and Caleb conquered the land of Canaan, / we should conquer the land with the Gospel.

/We should lead many people around us to God / and disperse around the world to spread the Good News. / God is keeping us alive because each of us has responsibilities and duties to fulfill.

/So we should always ask God, "God! / Why are you keeping me alive?" / "What purpose do you have for me in this world?" / God is keeping us alive, for us to spread the Good News.

/We ought to be trained well in this life as people of God worthy of His Kingdom. / So every situation is a training ground for Heaven. / God is making us as people worthy of God's people through various situations.

/Verse 12. / Now give me this hill country that the LORD promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the LORD helping me, I will drive them out just as he said."

/Caleb said, "Now give me this hill country that the LORD promised me that day." / He was not asking this for his greed. / As the verse clearly states, / he requested, "Now give me this hill country that the LORD promised me that day."

/God promised us many things today. / Those will come true when we trust His word and obey Him. / Not only does God want us to live trusting in His words, / He wants us to trust in His promises.

/Our obedience to His words is bound to bear fruits. / There are many people today who are skeptical about His words. / There are also those who ask God according to their greed while leaving the word of God behind.

/Caleb became 85 years old, / but he still firmly trusted God's words and did what he was told. / We should become like Caleb and become a man of faith who live by trusting the word of God.

/Even if things seem impossible with human strength, / God will work through us when we trust His words and obey. / In verse 12, we can see that Caleb had bold

faith.

/“Now give me this hill.” / His age was not fit for war. / He was 85 years old. / Yet, no matter how powerful the Anakites were, / he was not afraid of them. / He was bold before the enemies.

/He was convicted that he can take the land as long as God was with him. / *“the LORD helping me, I will drive them out just as he said,” he said with conviction.*

/In whatever we do, we become brave when God is with us. / Those whom God is with have such assurance. / Such people are not afraid of the enemies.

/The most powerful person in the world today is one whom God is with. / Same goes for the happiest person in the world. / Such people can drive out the enemies and take the land.

/They can win in anything. / They have power. / Everything that they do prosper.

/Even though Caleb was 85 years old, he was still convicted that he can take the land of Canaan as long as God was with him. / We should overcome the fear of aging.

/We should keep on running the race of faith in our life. / In verses 13-15, we can see that Joshua blessed Caleb and gave the inheritance to him.

/Verse 13. / Then Joshua blessed Caleb son of Jephunneh and gave him Hebron as his inheritance.

/Joshua blessed him. / He did not bless him in human greed or anything like it. / Since he was worthy of blessing, / God moved Joshua’s heart to bless him.

/The same goes for us today. We believers should be those who are blessed. / That is, God will give us blessings when we are enough of a vessel to receive His blessings. / We should pursue Him wholeheartedly / and hold onto His words all the time.

/After Joshua blessed Caleb, / he gave Hebron as his inheritance. / This was a fulfillment of God’s promise. / God achieves what He promised no matter what.

/When we hold onto His word and pray, He will answer and work out our prayer.

/Verse 14. / So Hebron has belonged to Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite ever since, because he followed the LORD, the God of Israel, wholeheartedly.

/Hebron became Caleb’s inheritance. / This happened because he followed God wholeheartedly. / Our territory expands as far as we obey His words.

/We believer can live an influential life as far as our obedience. /No matter how strong the army of the Canaanites were, / it was possible to overcome them through God.

/Verse 15. / (Hebron used to be called Kiriath Arba after Arba, who was the greatest man among the Anakites.)

/The war ended in that land. / The land was given to Caleb, just as God promised. / His promises come true for sure.

/Thus let us not be afraid of our circumstances. / Let us trust His words/ and live in obedience every day. / Then we will be able to drive out our enemies / and take all the lands God promised us.

/With this I end the thirteenth lecture on Joshua. / Thank you.