

Pastor Corey's Home Study Notes

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(Hebrews 13:8)

"Give Me This Mountain"

Joshua 14:6-15

⁶ Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him: "You know the word which the LORD said to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea. ⁷ I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as *it was* in my heart. ⁸ Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but I wholly followed the LORD my God. ⁹ So Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed the LORD my God.' ¹⁰ And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, ever since the LORD spoke this word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old. ¹¹ As yet I *am as* strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now *is* my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in. ¹² Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great andfortified. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the LORD said."

¹³ And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance. ¹⁴ Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel. ¹⁵ And the name of Hebron formerly was Kirjath Arba (*Arba was* the greatest man among the Anakim). Then the land had rest from war.

- Every mountain of culture has a demonic stronghold over it seeking to control all those in that mountain.
- It's impossible to bring transformation to a mountain of culture without first conquering the stronghold over it.
- We conquer strongholds over the mountains of culture by defeating them in our private lives. We gain spiritual and moral authority publicly over every stronghold we've conquered personally.

Whenever anyone seeks to climb and conquer a cultural mountain without first contending and winning victory over the ruling stronghold, they will eventually be defeated and controlled by that stronghold.

Note: Each Mountain is identified by a stronghold in the form of an Occupant.

Mountains Strongholds Tribes

- 1. Family Discouragement Jebusites (trodden down from the root)
- 2. Church Pride Amorites (elevation)
- 3. Business Greed Canaanites (Zealous)
- 4. Education Humanism Hivites (group/system of thoughts in opposition)

- 5. Government Corruption Girgashites (clay dwellers, flesh)
- 6. Media Fear Hittites (terror)
- 7. Arts/Entertainment Immorality Perizzites (those in an open region...open to anything)

What does it take to take the Mountain?

Lessons from Caleb:

Joshua 14: 6-12

- (v.6) Caleb remembered what God had already said...
- (v.7) Caleb's report of what could be done was based in "his" convictions alone... (Num. 14:23-24)
- (v.8-9) Caleb remembers his Commitment 45 years ago to follow God "wholeheartedly".
-don't just remember what God told you, but remember what you told God!
- Caleb stood on God's promise even when everybody else was scared. He stood apart from the crowd!
-they saw Great Giants and a little god, but Caleb saw a Great God and little giants.
-the majority was problem-conscious, but Caleb was power-conscious.
- (v.10-11) Caleb remembers God's faithfulness to him.
-he saw How God had kept him alive to see the promise...
-even though he was older, he was just as strong at 85 as he was at 40!...God can sustain you!
- (v.12) After reflecting on all that, Caleb says, "NOW...Give me this Mountain..."
-when God promises you something , you can say "Now" give it to me!
-when God is with you, you should be motivated to Drive Out Some Stuff!

It's time to accept the challenge of taking the Mountain!

- Stand up to the stronghold and take what God has already given you!
- It's time to move to higher ground!

Isaiah 2:2-3

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days *that* the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Pray...Amen.