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**Sunday School Lesson**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29th, 1951  
 POSSESSING THE LAND OF PROMISE**

Golden Text—Be strong and of good courage; be not affrighted, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Josh. 1: 9.

Lesson Text—Josh. 14: 6-12; Judges 2: 7-10; 21: 25.

Exposition—I. Caleb Claims—His God-Given Inheritance, Josh. 14: 6-12.

Caleb must not have been an Israelite by birth (v. 6, R.V.; cf. Gen. 15: 19; Josh. 15: 13); but he was an Israelite in heart and in deed. His name means "dog", but by faith the heathen "dog" became a son (cf. Matt. 15: 26). He got more than the crumbs that fell from the children's table; he got the biggest loaf in Israel (cf. Matt. 15: 27, 28). Faith removes mountains. Caleb based his whole claim upon what God had said. Any man who claims for himself all that God promises him in His work will get an enormous portion (Eph. 1: 3; Rom. 8: 17). It was a noble title that Caleb applied to Moses, "Man of God" (v. 6); we can all win the right to that glorious title. There is a deft touch of tact in the form of Caleb's appeal to Joshua. Caleb was in the prime of manhood when he was sent into the land. He had brought report in all sincerity, "as it was in my heart." He had gotten God's Word in his heart. That was the secret of his "wholly following Jehovah" (cf. Ps. 119: 11).

He was a model man to spy out the land. Caleb's companions had done the devil's work; they made the heart of God's people to melt. That is serious business (Num. 14: 37), but they have many imitators in our day. Many foreign mis-

sionaries, as long ago as 1902, admitted that destructive criticism had robbed them of their message to the perishing heathen and many an eager young man has had all his enthusiasm quenched at some of our theological seminaries and has quite the ministry and some have given up all faith in God. It was by bringing up an evil report of the land and exaggerating the difficulties and losing sight of God that they made the people's hearts to melt (Num. 14: 36, R.V.; 13: 31).

In contrast with this, Caleb had "wholly followed Jehovah" (literally, "I filled up after Jehovah my God"). Jehovah spoke, and Caleb believed. He realized his intimate, personal relation to Jehovah; he speaks of Him as "My God." So Jehovah spoke of Caleb as "My servant." Caleb had but one man to stand with him on that day, but now as he looks back after 45 years, there was no sorrow that he had had courage to stand alone. The one who has courage to stand along against critics and compromisers will have his day of triumph at last but it was not so pleasant at the time to stand alone (Num. 14: 10). Moses had promised to Caleb the land whereon his feet had trodden (cf. ch. 1: 3). If there is any land you wish for an inheritance, step out on it by faith (Heb. 6: 11, 12; 11: 5, 6). There was no uncertainty about Caleb's inheriting the land ("surely"). No one of God's promises is uncertain. Caleb got the inheritance by faith, not for himself alone but for his children as well; the man who believes God gets a blessing for his posterity as well as for himself.

II. Caleb obtains his Inheritance, v. 13.

Joshua recognizes the force of Caleb's plea. He had heard God's promise to him and acted upon it (Num. 14: 24-30; Deut. 1: 36-38). Joshua not only granted his plea but blessed him. He gave him Hebron for an inheritance. Hebron means "joining", "union", "fellowship". It was typical of our inheritance—union with Christ, or

fellowship with Christ (Jno. 15: 5; 14: 20; 1 Jno. 1: 3). Hebron was given unto Caleb because he "wholly followed the Lord"; that is the way to enter into fellowship with Christ (1 Jno. 1: 3, 6, 7). The fact is emphasized in this connection that Caleb was a heathen, the son of Jephunneh, the Kenizzite. This was in anticipation of what Jesus would say at a later day (Matt. 8: 11, 12). The condition is faith in God and His Word (Gal. 3: 7, 26, 29).

A lesson of high value is taught here—the universality of the Gospel. We have need to keep in mind the plan which God, from the earliest recorded history of man, had for his salvation. Salvation was and is of the Jews, truly, but Paul's great deliverance just referred to has much need to be borne in mind—"Know ye not, therefore," says the apostle, "that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham." Thus Caleb, although not an Israelite, was one in God's sight.

III. Israel forsakes Jehovah, Judges 2: 7-10.

Israel's evil history subsequent to the death of Joshua is summed

up in one terrible sentence (v. 11). The cause of this awful apostasy was that they mingled with the heathen and adopted their practices (vs. 2, 12; Ps. 106: 34-36; 2 Cor. 6: 14, 17, 18). It was "in the sight of Jehovah" that they which they did was evil (Luke 16: 15). Men doubtless applauded Is-

rael's growing liberality of views. It was not evil in their own sight. They congratulated themselves that they were wiser and more progressive than their fathers. They served the horrid gods of the people about them. Many twentieth century "Christians" do the same.

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**NORTH EAST WEST SOUTH  
 NEWS FROM ALL DIRECTIONS**

**School Daze**

More towns are having troubles with school accommodation. Oakville's schools are... crowded. Acton is in the process of building a new school, and Milton is also facing the problem. Now, the public school board in Burlington requested council for \$185,000 to build an additional ten rooms at East Burlington school. No resolution was made.

**Feeling Low**

A painful fact has been brought to the attention of readers of Erin Advocate by Alex Duncan of Hillsburgh. Pulling down his old back kitchen he came across some old pieces of 1906 guaranteed to saddle any reader. Prepared? Veal, 9 to 11 cents a lb., beef, 7 cents a lb., dressed chickens, 7 to 9 cents lb. Bulls were sold at about 3 or 4 cents a pound.

**With His Trusty Bow and Arrow**

A modern Robin Hood is championing the cause of honour and justice in Erin, according to the Advocate. Although he hasn't gone so far yet as to rob the rich of any, with income taxes due to pay the poor, he is nevertheless proving himself a woody sharpshooter with the old bow and arrow. With one shot he dispatched an invader in his chicken house—a skunk—who had the same characteristics of the skunks in medieval England!

**Hockey Trails On**

The formation of an Oakville Hockey Association was begun last week when a committee was named. Dr. F. M. Deans was elected president. The managing groups will cover all the hockey organizations in the town.

**Doctor, Lawyer, Merchant, Chief**

Oakville-Trafalgar High School students were considering careering through life this Tuesday when the H and S Association sponsored the annual career night. Different representatives of professions addressed interested groups, with Dr. James Mather, director of the Halton Health Unit, telling of medicine as a life-work.

**Freak Peak**

Two freaks a week gives the excitement air of the midway to the large hatchery owned by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Thompson, R. R. 3, Georgetown, this week. Last week a fluffy little Sussex chick saw the light of day and feebly discovered he was different from the other kids. He had four legs. A few days later he died. Then a healthier specimen appeared with the same deformity—four legs! The back legs are well formed but don't touch the ground. The Thompsons hope this chick will live.

**Welcome, Stranger**

An editorial in the Georgetown Herald last week reads: "A fine looking young Dutch lad had us perplexed. He came in when the big press was running and asked: 'Have you got the dry paper?' At least that's what we thought he said. 'The what?' we asked, all the time searching our brain, fly paper, sky paper, pie paper. 'No, no, my father was in. The dry-ve paper. The dry-ve paper.' And then it suddenly dawned. Drive paper. Ted McCormack, Motor license Drive paper. 'Driving license.' We pointed toward Ted's store a few doors away, happy that we could help a new Canadian in his mastery of a tricky language."

**Good Bye-Laws**

About thirty Oakville ratepayers assembled in the council chamber last week to request council to grant a public hearing—and discovered there would be no council meeting after all. Deputy-reeve Ted Lauder, who verified the cancellation, said he had only heard of it, and could not understand why. Evidently the mayor was in hospital and most of the business was caught up. Comments from the delegations were none too happy. The ruling by which meetings could be cancelled were gone into as a result.

**FOR THE GO-AHEAD FARMER—THERE'S MONEY AT "MY BANK"**

There are times when the farmer finds that the efficient running of his farm calls for more ready cash than he can immediately lay hands on. He may want the money for the purchase of seed, fuel, and fertilizer. He may want some more ready cash when he will get the proceeds of his crop. He may want to pay his taxes. He may want to pay his debts. He may want to pay his children's education. He may want to pay his own retirement. He may want to pay his own health. He may want to pay his own life. He may want to pay his own insurance. He may want to pay his own... (text continues)

**WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?**

At times most of us have looked at purse, wallet or bank-book, and wondered: "Where does the money go?"

You may have wondered, too, where does our money go—the money we receive for gasoline, fuel oil, lubricants and other products we sell. Well, last year each dollar we received went this way:

- CRUDE OIL** and the other raw materials we bought took half of each dollar.
- OPERATING AND ADMINISTRATIVE** expenses took more than 25 cents. This was the cost of searching for and producing crude oil, and of manufacturing and marketing the hundreds of products we supplied for thousands of uses. Throughout the year high quality products were made available where and when you needed them.
- TRANSPORTATION** of products from our refineries to marketing points took the next big bite of the dollar. Products moved over wide areas to serve every community in Canada.
- TAXES** to provincial and federal governments took 7.64 cents. And this did not include gasoline tax, which—depending on where you live—took from 22 to 33 cents out of every dollar you spent for standard grade gasoline.
- TO REPLACE** worn out equipment and to make sure that we can supply your needs in the future took 3.59 cents.
- DIVIDENDS** paid to shareholders for use of plants and equipment amounted to 3.45 cents.

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