

a great many years before this time. Caleb waited over forty years to get the reward which God had promised him.

The Reward—Here is a picture of Caleb's reward (outline a mountain, with surrounding country). Mark this, Hebron. God promised that this part of the new land should be given to Caleb (the part where he had gone over as a spy), because he had been one of the two spies who had said, that, "with God's help", the Israelites could conquer the Canaanites, and need not fear to go on and take their new home. The other spy was Joshua, and God rewarded him by making him leader of the children of Israel in place of Moses.

Lesson—In our lesson to-day we hear Caleb reminding Joshua that God had made this promise, because Caleb had spoken "as he felt in his heart". He had been a true soldier, and was willing to trust and follow his Leader, God (vs. 9-15). Caleb did not want an easy place (v. 12). He was willing to fight, with God's help. Caleb was a brave soldier. He did no very great deed, nothing else of especial mention; but he was faithful in the little that he had to do, and got a great reward.

Golden Text—Will God reward little people

for little services? Can boys and girls be soldiers? "No!" you say; "it is only men who can be soldiers and fight battles". Listen!

Jack's mother was showing him a picture of armor (explain). She said, "This is very good; but this is not the kind of armor I would like my boy to wear". "Why, mother, I did not know that you wanted me to be a soldier and go to war." "Yes, I do, my boy, I want you to get your armor at once." "A little boy wear armor?" said Jack in surprise; "you must be joking, mother". "No, my boy, the soldiers of the Prince of Peace cannot begin too early to fight their great enemy, the devil.

Here is the armor your Captain has ready for you:

BODY girth about with Truth.

BREASTPLATE of Righteousness.

SHIELD of Faith.

HELMET of Salvation.

SWORD of the Spirit.

FEET shod with the gospel of peace.

"Such armor would be easy to wear", said Jack. "Yes, and there is no danger of being beaten, with it on." Repeat Eph. 6:11.

Something to Think About—I am a soldier of Christ.

FROM THE PLATFORM

CONFIDENCE
ACTIVITY
LOYALTY
ENTERPRISE
BOLDNESS

Print on the blackboard, CALEB, and let the conversation take the form of bringing out by questions the qualities which this famous hero showed. First, there was his CONFIDENCE (print) in-God and in himself. The scholars will tell you how this twofold confidence was manifested, both at the time of the expedition of the spies, and later in his undertaking to subdue Hebron. Next, there was his ACTIVITY: an old man of eighty-five undertaking so difficult and dangerous task as the conquest of Hebron, held as it was by the fierce and powerful Anakim. Then, there was his LOYALTY (print). A fourth quality was his ENTERPRISE (print): up to the very close of his life he was ready for new plans. Lastly, there was his BOLDNESS. Have the scholars think again how he stood out, with Joshua, against the ten spies, at Kadesh-barnea, and of the dangers he had to face at Hebron. A brief closing word will point out the enemies we have to face, and our need of Caleb's qualities.