

temper and nature of his fellow pilgrims. No doubt he realized their own lack of military discipline, and how their long years of slavery must have weakened their courage. On the other hand he must have appreciated the largeness of the task that was proposed. He saw the land for himself. He saw the walled cities, and these cities inhabited by hordes of peoples, Amalekites, Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites, etc.

Moreover he saw the children of Anak there, nevertheless Caleb said, let us go up at once and possess it; for we are able to overcome it.

It is a grand land, he said. It is a land however, held by people that know how to defend their own. It will cost us something to get it, but it is worth the price. Let us go.

That was the spirit that characterized Caleb's life, a spirit of courage, and buoyancy and strength, and what were these but the outcome of a deep and abiding faith in God, for he wholly followed the Lord his God. Even now had he taken possession of the land by faith, for had not God promised. But this was the man who when the command was given, turned again into the wilderness, and then silently and obscurely performed his tasks, standing again and again in the deep places of the earth, more surely and steadily bringing his life into conformity with God's life, and quietly and lovingly obeying those who had been set over him.

When next we are permitted to see him it is toward the end of his life. He had fought the fight. He had almost finished his course, and all through it he had kept his faith. They had been permitted to enter into the land of Canaan, and now, because of all the past, Caleb claimed as his inheritance Hebron.

"Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought him word again as it was in my heart."

"And Moses sware on that day saying, surely the land whereupon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's forever, because thou hast wholly followed the Lord thy God."

"So I am this day four score and five years old. As yet I