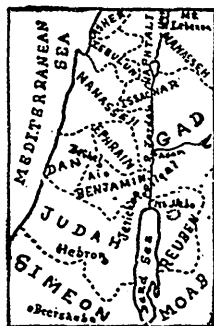


of patient waiting. This strong man could bide God's time. **Fourscore and five... as strong... as I was.** His old age was vigorous, because the life of his youth and manhood had been clean and filled with useful activity. **Give me this mountain;** the hilly region about Hebron. The old hero wished for nothing better than hard work and stern fighting. **Anakims;** a race of giants. **Cities were great and fenced;** with strongly fortified walls. **The Lord... with me;** the only sure guarantee of success. **Able to drive them out.** His faith had not weakened with the passing years (see Num. 13: 30). Caleb finally drove out this formidable race, and occupied Hebron and its dependent towns permanently (see ch. 15: 13-19).

III. A PROMISE FULFILLED.—12-15. Joshua blessed him; cheerfully granted his request, and prayed for his success. **Hebron... inheritance of Caleb.** He had seen the spot when he had entered Canaan with the spies. **Unto this day;** when the Book of Joshua was written. **Kirjath-arba;** city of Arba.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



HEBRON, the highest city in Southern Palestine, is on a main road from Beersheba, through Bethlehem and Jerusalem, on to Bethel. The valleys about it are very fruitful. Hebron was a favorite residence of Abraham, and also a place of sojourn for Isaac and Jacob. Sarah died here, and was buried in the Cave of Machpelah, as were Abraham, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Leah. Over this cave now stands a Mohammedan mosque, from which Christians are excluded. In 1882, however, the Prince of Wales, now King Edward VII., with others of his party, was permitted by the governor of Jerusalem to enter the mosque and to examine the cave beneath.

AN ORIENTAL SIDELIGHT

"All the visitors speak of the vineyards of Hebron. The grapes not disposed of in the market are dried into raisins, or the juice is boiled down into *dibs*, a kind of thick grape molasses, frequently mentioned in the Bible under the kindred name of *debesh*, in some places translated 'honey', and in others 'manna'. Besides grapes, the olive and the fig are

the most important fruits of Hebron; but apricots, pomegranates, quinces, apples, pears, and plums also flourish, with proper care."

LESSON QUESTIONS

What place did Israel attack after the capture of Jericho? With what result? What was the cause of the defeat? How was Achan punished? What was the result of the second attack on Ai? Where was the law of Moses read to the people?

6-9 What was now about to be done with the land of Canaan? Who had been appointed to superintend the work? Who came to him? Where? From whom was Caleb descended? How did he come to belong to the tribe of Judah? Of what does he now remind Joshua? What service had he rendered? How had he shown his honesty and courage? To what oath did he refer? Which New Testament Book speaks of God's oath? (Heb. 6: 17-20.) How does Peter describe the Christian's inheritance? (1 Pet. 1: 4, 5.)

10-12 What inheritance did Caleb ask? Mention the difficulties he had to face. Whom did he trust? What task has Jesus set His followers? What is His promise? (Matt. 28: 18-20.)

13-15 How did Joshua treat Caleb's request? What was the former name of Hebron?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Difficulties: how they develop character.
2. The conquest of the world for Christ as the great work of the church.

A LESSON FOR LIFE

There is little power in a wire by itself. But when at one end of the wire there is the electrical dynamo, the machinery of a huge factory at the other end begins to move. If God's might is behind a man as he goes forward to his work, obstacles must remove out of the way, and no foe can stand against him. God and one man can overcome an opposing world. We have only to keep in touch with Him, and our success is assured.

Prove from Scripture—That the aged can serve God.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 73-75.

The Question on Missions—4. Name some of the pioneer missionaries. They were mostly men of Indian blood: Rev. John McKay, our eloquent Cree preacher, Rev. George Flett, who could preach in English, French, Cree, and Saulteaux, and Rev. Solomon Tunkansuicwe (meaning "His-own-grandfather"), a devoted Sioux missionary.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What service had Caleb rendered?.....

2. What reward did he claim?.....