

GOLDEN TEXT

Josh. 14: 14. He wholly followed the Lord.

DAILY READINGS

- M. —Joshua 14: 5-15. Joshua and Caleb.
 T. —Deut. 1: 19-36. Promise for Caleb.
 W. —Psalm 112. Blessing of godliness.
 Th. —Psalm 137: 10-20. Reward of the upright.
 F. —Psalm 37: 1-11. Confidence in God.
 S. —Psalm 37: 27-40. A righteous man's inheritance.
 S. —Mark 10: 23-31. Reward of true followers.

CATECHISM

Q. 47. What is forbidden in the first commandment?
 A. The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship

and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.

TIME AND PLACE.

The time was about seven years after the last lesson, B.C. 1444 or B.C. 1241. Gilgal was Joshua's capital near the Jordan. Hebron was twenty miles south of Jerusalem, in the midst of the beautiful plain of Mamre.

LESSON PLAN

- I. A Promise Claimed, 5-9.
 Which Moses gave to Caleb for his faithfulness.
 II. A Task Undertaken, 10-12.
 By an old man, with the vigor of youth.
 III. An Inheritance Given, 13-15.
 By a noble leader to a tried follower.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 11; 66 (Ps. Sel.); 245; 535; 232; 238.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—5, 6 What stronghold was taken after Jericho? (chs. 7 and 8.) What sin had led to the defeat of the Israelites there? How was this sin punished? How was the land divided? (vs. 1-5.) Who was Caleb? Where had he been sent by Moses? Who went with him? What was their report and advice? Where was Joshua now? What had God said about Joshua and Caleb?

7, 8 How old was Caleb at this time? Whom had he served? How did he serve?

9-11 Where is this promise recorded? Who had protected Caleb? For how long?

12 What did Caleb ask for? By what name known? Who was there? How were the cities defended? In whose strength did Caleb undertake to drive them out? What promises to those who overcome? (Rev. 3: 5, 12, 21.)

13-15 What response did Joshua make to Caleb's request? By what other name had Hebron been called? How should we follow God? (Matt. 22: 37; Rom. 12: 1.)

Seniors and the Home Department—5 Who were the two most distinguished men who entered Canaan? In what work were they together? What age were they now?

6 Where was Gilgal? Kadesh-barnea? Hebron? What took place at Gilgal? At Kadesh-barnea? (Num. chs. 13, 14.) At Hebron? (Gen. 13: 18; Num. 13: 22; Josh. 10: 36; 2 Sam. 2: 1.)

7, 8 Why was Caleb so strong and manly? What would true manliness mean to day? What produces it?

9-11 How long before was the promise made? Why delayed? Of what was delay a test? How was Caleb prospered? What was the secret?

12 Who were the Anakim in Caleb's time? What are they in our time? (1 John 2: 16; Eph. 6: 12.) What was Caleb's motto?

13-15 What was Caleb's reward? To what does a youth well spent usually lead? How can we "wholly follow the Lord"? What is our inheritance? (Rom. 8: 17; 1 Tim. 4: 8.) What the means of victory over the Anakim in it? (1 John 5: 4; Rom. 8: 37-39.)

Prove from Scripture—That God keeps His faithful servants.

Practical Points—1. The Levites received no share of the land, because they were to serve in the temple of God. For the New Testament application see 1 Cor. 9: 14.

2. A hero may be long in getting his recognition; but it is sure to come.

3. Sin is a poor investment; witness Achan. Godliness is "profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is"; witness Caleb.

4. "If we only strive to be pure and true, To each of us there will come an hour When the tree of life shall burst into flower, And rain at our feet the glorious dower Of something grander than ever we knew."

5. How seldom we think of how absolutely our lives are in God's hand!

6. A man who truly fears God fears nothing else.

7. The secret of Caleb's life was that he "wholly followed the Lord." There can be no possible failure in such a life.

8. Caleb came of a heathen tribe, probably himself born a heathen. He stands therefore as an example of what the transforming power of God's grace can accomplish.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Who was Caleb?.....

2. Describe his conduct as a spy.

3. What was his present request? His arguments?.....