

over their enemies. Our hearts are like cities and have enemies in them which we have to gain the victory over. (Draw a heart on the board).

That was a great victory the Israelites gained. Can we gain cities as great as that? Yes, indeed we can! for the wisest man in the world said "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

So we see that "anger" is a great enemy (write anger in heart), and if we gain a victory over it, that is get it out of our hearts, we are even greater than the Israelites. Pride is another great enemy of ours (write "pride" in heart) and "self" perhaps



is the greater enemy of all (write "self" in heart). But we can gain the victory over them all if we like the Israelites have faith in God, that is if we trust Him and show that we trust Him by obeying Him as they did.

LESSON X—September 8th, 1895.

Caleb's Reward. JOSHUA 14: 5-14.

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "He wholly followed the Lord God of Israel." Josh. 14: 14.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT: "Whole hearted service."

III. REVIEW: What city did the Israelites take in last lesson? How many times did they march round the walls? What made them gain the victory? How did they show their faith? Tell some enemies we have to gain the victory over? How can we do it?

IV. INTERESTING EVENTS: Soon after the capture of Jericho, the Israelites under Joshua made an attack upon Ai, the next stronghold of their enemies. Here they were defeated because of the disobedience of Achan. He was put to death, and after that the victory was gained. Then Joshua built an altar to God on Mount Ebal, and upon the stones wrote a copy of the Law of Moses. After Joshua and the Israelites had fought many battles and conquered much of the land, God told Joshua to divide the land and give each of the tribes a portion.

V. LESSON STORY: In this lesson we find the Israelites again at Gilgal near Jericho. Joshua was now about 90 years old, and as he was dividing the land among the tribes, Caleb the son of Jephunneh came to him, and reminded him of a promise that Moses made to him. To understand that promise, we must go away back to when Moses sent out the spies, from Kadesh-Barnea to view the land. Caleb as we remember, was one of the spies who brought a good report of the land, and wanted the people to go up then, and take it. The people were afraid, but Caleb was not, for he trusted in God and wholly followed after Him. Moses was pleased with Caleb for bringing back such a good report, when all the others except Joshua, brought a bad one, and then made this promise to Caleb: "Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden, shall be thine inheritance and thy children's forever, because thou hast wholly followed the Lord my God." It was forty-five years now since that promise had been made to Caleb, and as he reminded Joshua about it, he told him that he was just as strong then as he was when he went out to spy the land. He knew that the walls were high, and there were giants there, but he knew too that God would be with him, and help him to drive them out, and gain possession of the land. So Joshua blessed Caleb, and gave him Hebron for his inheritance, the reward that Moses had promised him, for his faithfulness in wholly following the God of Israel. Have a map of Palestine on the board, or draw one and point out Hebron the home of Caleb.

VI. APPLICATION: Who wants to be like Caleb? (Draw a heart on board, write "all for