

CALEB'S REWARD.

8 September.

Les. Josh. 14 : 5-14. Gol. Text, Josh 14 : 11.
Mem. vs. 7-9. Catechism, Q. 36.

HOME READINGS.

- M. John. 7 : 1-12 *Defeat at Ai.*
- T. Josh. 7 : 13-26 *Achan's Sin and Punishment.*
- W. Josh. 8 : 1-29 *Capture of Ai.*
- Th. Josh. 8 : 30-35 *The Reading of the Law.*
- F. Josh. 14 : 5-14 *Caleb's Reward.*
- S. Psalm 16 : 1-11 *"A Godly Heritage."*
- S. Psalm 27 : 1-23 *Inheritance for Ever.*

LESSON PLAN.

- I. The Faithfulness of Caleb, vs. 5-8.
- II. The Promise of Moses, vs. 9-12.
- III. The Blessing of Joshua, vs. 13, 14.

Time—B.C. 1444, seven years after entering Canaan.

Place—Gilgal, a short distance from Jericho.

BETWEEN THE LESSONS.

Joshua continued the war of conquest with unbroken success, except the defeat at Ai, caused by Achan's sin. After Achan's punishment Ai was taken. At the end of seven years the country was so far subjugated that the land was divided among the tribes. The persons to superintend this division had been appointed by Jehovah himself. Num. 34 : 16-29. Caleb was one of them. When about to perform this duty, Caleb came to Joshua and claimed the inheritance which had been promised him. Num. 13 : 24-30.

HELPS IN STUDYING.

6. *Then . . . in Gilgal*—while preparing to make the division which it seems was finished at Shiloh. Josh. 18 : 1. *The children of Judah*—probably the chief men, to be witnesses of Caleb's claim. *Thou knowest the thing* see Num. 14 : 24 ; 32 : 12 ; Deut. 1 : 36. Caleb and Joshua alone were deemed worthy to enter the land of Canaan. 12. *This mountain*—this highland region. *The Anakims were there*—this was the place from which the spies took their unfavorable report. 13. *Joshua blessed him*—granted his request, and asked the blessing of God upon his undertaking. 14. *Hebron*—the site of the town, and the surrounding country. Hebron was about twenty miles south of Jerusalem.

LIFE TEACHINGS.

1. The Lord's promises cannot fail.
2. Blessed are they who follow the Lord fully.
3. Those who serve God in youth may expect comfort and blessing in age.
4. Neither age, sickness, nor sword can cut off those whom the Lord preserves.
5. We may boldly meet the most powerful enemies if we know that we are right.

Every day is a little life, and our whole life is but a day repeated. Those, therefore, that dare lose a day, are dangerously prodigal : those that dare mis-spend it desperate.

If you trust in God and yourself, you can surmount every obstacle. Do not yield to restless anxiety. One must not always be asking what may happen to one in life, but one must advance fearlessly and bravely.— *Prince Bismarck.*

God never works only for to-day. His plans run on and on. The web he weaves is from everlasting to everlasting, and if I can fill a part of that web, be it ever so insignificant, it will abide forever. And this is one of the most comforting thoughts to us. While on earth we may do something for eternity.— *Bishop Simpson.*

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