

An illustration of an elderly man with a grey beard and a red headband, wearing a red tunic and a green shawl, addressing a group of men. He is holding a long staff or spear. The men are dressed in simple, earth-toned clothing and some wear head coverings. The scene is set under a green tent-like structure.

# Caleb's Inheritance

**An Old Warrior's Conquest**



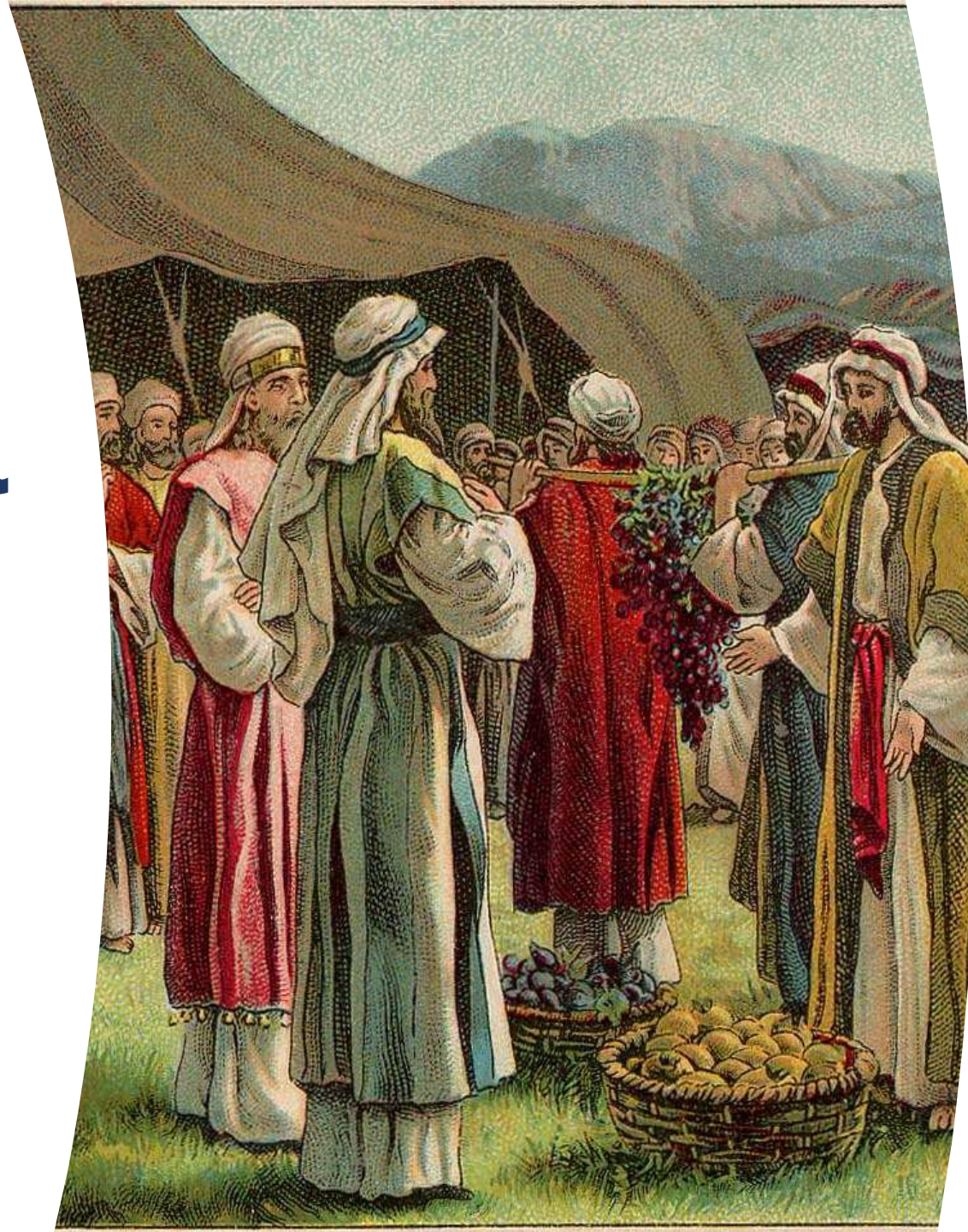
Before  
tonight's  
lesson...

**A pop quiz!**

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Bible characters can  
you identify (without  
looking in your Bible)?

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# Joshua and Caleb



- Two against ten
- Almost 39 years later, Joshua and Caleb were the only men of their generation to enter the promised land
- Joshua was chosen to lead the people in the conquest
- **What happened with Caleb?**

# Caleb asked for a special inheritance

- He made his request at the age of 85
- He understood that he would have to drive out the inhabitants of the place he requested
- He requested Hebron, the mountainous region in the southern part of the territory



## Facts about Hebron

- An old city (Numbers 13:22b)
- Abraham's residence for some time (Genesis 13:18)
- Where Abraham buried Sarah (Genesis 23:19)
- Later, Abraham, Isaac, Rebekah, Leah and Jacob were buried in the same place (Genesis 25:10; **49:29-32**; 50:12-13)
- This was the most frightening place to the spies that went up with Caleb and Joshua
  - They encountered the sons of Anak, descendants of giants (Numbers 13:22)
  - This family was the reason the 10 spies gave up (Numbers 13:28,32,33)



# Biggest prize and biggest obstacle

- In the sense of national heritage, Hebron might have been considered the most valuable site in Canaan
- And that is exactly where they faced the biggest obstacle!



# Caleb and the Giants

- Caleb saw the giants when he was 40 years old, and was willing to take them on then, because of his trust in God (Numbers 14:6-9)
- He never forgot those adversaries, and he never abandoned his faith in God
- 45 years later, Caleb asked Joshua for authorization to conquer the land of the giants
- As Caleb had always believed would happen, God gave the victory to him and the tribe of Judah against his adversaries, and they took possession of Hebron (Joshua 15:14-19; **Judges 1:10**)



# Important lessons

- If an 85-year-old man defeated the giants, he certainly could have done it 45 years before
- The story of Caleb's courage and his victory over Hebron does not show the strength of the man; it shows the power and faithfulness of God
- Caleb understood the principle that David would state centuries later (1 Samuel 17:45-47)





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The 10 cowardly spies

The giants of Hebron

# How do we apply the lesson?

- Even people who read their Bibles frequently have a lot of difficulty remembering the names of the giants in Hebron or the cowardly spies who were afraid of them
- But few forget the name of Caleb, an old warrior who showed his faith in God and conquered a mountain
- **Will our names be remembered because of our faith in God, or forgotten like the names of the losers in those stories?**

