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THE RIDER ON GOD'S INSURANCE POLICY

Joshua 1:5-9

- I. All of us enjoy a feeling of security:
locks, seat belts, bank boxes--and
insurance.
 - A. We provide security for children's
education, payment on house, rewards
for our spouse.
 - B. But in nothing is there the equal to
Spiritual Security.
 - C. We'll discuss God's insurance policy
and the riders attached.
- II. God has a way of drama in new beginnings.
 - A. Moses and the serpent.
 - B. Solomon and the Temple.
 - C. Elijah and Elisha.
 - D. Pentecost and the Church.
 - E. Now God and Joshua.

Josh. 1:2 "Moses my servant is dead"

Josh. 1:2 "Arise, go over this Jordan"

1. Can't you feel the loneliness of
Joshua?

2. Can't you sense his fear
"be not afraid."

3. At that juncture God gave him this
great insurance policy with the
attached riders.

4. See the goal:

v-6 "Unto this people shalt thou divide for an
inheritance this land"

5. To this task God gave conditional
assurances--let's study it.

III. Standing on the Promises

A. (v-5) "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee"

1. Moses is dead--Joshua near 80.
2. Heretofore always 2nd man.
3. Prince of tribe of Ephraim.
4. Born in Egyptian slavery.
5. 2nd in command to Moses.

Exo. 17:9

6. Brought minority report.

Nu. 14:7

7. Faithful in smaller sphere now promoted.

B. No man able to stand before thee.

1. We are not set free from problems-- only from fear.
2. Infuse with courage so we may possess our possessions.
3. "We all need the quickening influence of a sacred charge."
4. Heroes leave us but God remains.

C. We must move forward.

1. Do we appropriate what God makes available to us?
2. "Devil hates to see Christians enjoy their faith." (Toms)
3. "Lit. no one shall set himself up against thee, i.e successfully, to resist you."
4. Peculiarities of our age ^{do} to not weaken God.
5. "I needed that"--because
 - a) Work great & difficult.

- b) Be long.
- c) Low opinion of self.
- d) People ungovernable.

IV. As I Have Been With Moses So I Will Be With You. (Lit)

A. Continuity of God's Work

Matt. 28:20

John 20:21 "As my Father hath sent me"

1. There are many parts of a great work.
2. Renewal of each generation imperative and each soul.
3. Love of one generation will not avail for the next.
4. Death of one does not stop the work.
5. God will find an instrument fit to carry on.
6. Moses is dead, God is not.
7. The same sufficient grace that came to earlier folk is available today.

B. Further I will not fail or forsake.

1. Lit. "I will not be weak toward thee"
2. God is the same--we are the ones who change--not Him.
3. He will disappoint no expectation.

Heb. 13:5 "I will never leave thee"

Gen. 28:15 -- To Jacob

Acts 18:10 Corinth "I am with thee..no hurt"

4. I will not drop or abandon.

V. Now Comes Our Part.

A. (v-6)"Be strong & of a good courage"

1. Same words 4X--6, 7, 9, 18.
2. Play the man to the uttermost.

3. "God's grace is ours but we claim it by putting the foot of faith on God's promises." (Meyer)
4. Lit. be strong & vigorous.
 - a) Not so much reference to character as to actions.
 - b) With duty always power comes.
 - c) Many "fear nots" in Word.
5. Inheritance yours.
 - a) God will open more doors.
 - b) He forgets not his promises.
- B. Only be strong & courageous (v-7).
 1. Don't back away from duty.
 2. Meet your responsibilities.
- C. Observe to do according to all the Law (v-7).
 1. Put to death fear, lusts of the flesh, resist the Devil and walk in obedience.
 2. Necessary--obedience!
 3. Practice law in own life else how could he lead people.
 4. Use all your talent to uttermost in in spirit of obedience.
 5. God will not have them who refuse to help themselves. (Clark)
 6. We must do what's written, not just hear and read.
 7. According to all the law.
 - a) All
 - b) No exception & reserve.
 8. Provisions made for a public re-hearing of the law every 7 years.

- a) Duty of King to ascend throne
and write out a copy of the law.

Deut. 31:10-13

Deut. 18:18

9. Turn not from it--right or left.

- a) Go by it exactly.
b) Do all that's written.
c) Don't turn away in any practice
or form of government.

10. Promises prosperity.

D. Book Shall Not Depart

1. Law--written body of literature.

- a) Demands we know it.
b) Communicate to others.
c) Weapon is the Word.
d) Life to be governed by Word.
e) Moses saw God face to face, we
get strength through Word.
f) It is supreme--above Joshua.
g) Never superceded always
authorative.

2. Not depart from.

- a) Speak by it.
b) Make no new laws.

3. Mouth

- a) To color his speech, fill his mind,
govern his entire life.
b) Frame life by precepts.
c) Close companion as your mouth.

4. Meditate day and night.

- a) Takes time to get it fully.
b) Word--mutter.
c) Lack of study = lack of obedience.

Ps. 1:2 "But his delight is in the law of the L!"

- d) Knowledge and meditation required.
 - e) Meditate constantly--day & night.
 - f) Glance won't do it.
 - g) If ever a man's business might excuse him, surely Joshua's would.
 - h) He must find time.
5. Do All That's Written.
- a) Do this & live--both OT & NT, difference only in things to do.
 - b) Obedience the proof of holding things read--even to smallest matters.
 "Why call me Lord..."
 "If a man love me...keep"
 "If a man wills to do--"
 - c) Success depends on unswerving obedience to book of the law.

VI. "For Then"

A. Prosperous.

1. To be wise--not only to act prudently but successfully.
2. Reward of obedience--prosperity.
3. "He who steers by God's compass & chart avoids many rocks & shallows."
4. "Those who obey God lack no manner of things that are good."

B. Have I Not Commanded You?

1. Qt. proposes the answer--intends to infuse with sense of God's superiority and his courage & alacrity.
2. Though you are great, Joshua, I am greater.

3. I commanded the work to be done, therefore it shall be done.
 4. You are commander but also commanded.
 5. No man's dignity or dominion, however great, sets him above God and his Word.
 6. I commanded--and I'll help you.
- C. Be strong, courageous, Be not afraid, not dismayed.

1. Many troubles & discouragements come.
2. Success conditions.
 - a) Do according to all the law.
 - b) Do not turn to right or left.
 - c) Word not depart from mouth.
 - d) Meditate day--night.
 - e) Do all that's written.

D. The Lord Thy God is With Thee
Withersoever Thou Goest

1. Lean upon the Lord.

Isa. 30:18 "Blessed are they that wait for Him"

2 Chron.20:12 "We have no might, neither know we what to do--but eyes upon thee"

2 Pet.1:4 "Whereby are given unto us"

1 Sam.14:6 "There is no restraint to the Lord"

2 Chron.20:6 "In thy hand is there not power"

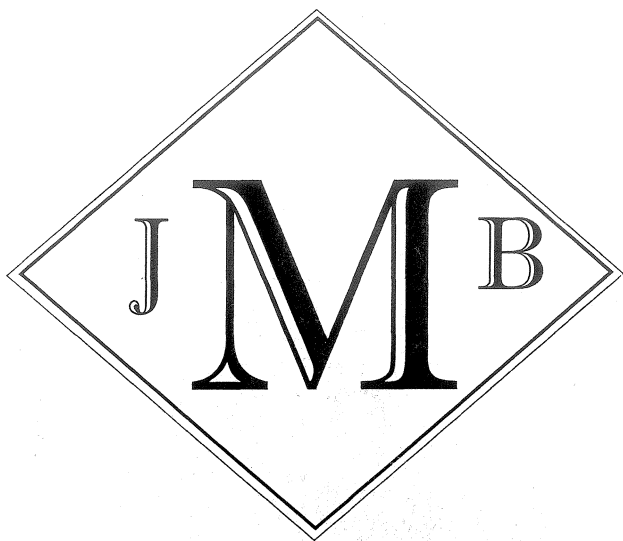
2. Pleasing God does not arise from mystical experience, warm feeling, or new gimmick.

3. Observe--lit. keep to do.

4. Men never act skillfully except insofar as they allow themselves to be ruled by the word of God.(Calvin)

5. Place not on insensate stone but on human heart.
6. Sign post can only point the way but God is alive and there to guide.

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WE WALK INTO THE UNKNOWN

Josh. 3:1-7

I. We enter a New Year - man's ever forged ahead into the unknown.

A. 430 years Egyptian Bondage.

B. 40 years wilderness wandering.

C. Before them - the Promised Land.

1. Flows with milk & honey.

2. Bridgeless.

3. Jordan at flood tide.

4. Giants, fortified cities, prepared to destroy invader.

D. Koller asked:

1. Do we wish we knew as God knows?

2. Do we want more light?

3. Why not let Him guide, enlighten & protect.

II. God has a System.

A. V-3 "When you see the ark - go after it".

1. Ark a treasure chest.

a) $4 \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

b) Gold

c) Tables of stone, manna, Aaron's rod.

d) Symbol of God's presence.

e) Memorial of God's past faithfulness.

f) "As I was with Moses - so I will be with you".

2. God's ever faithful to promises.

Deut. 11:10-12

a) Eyes

- (1) Saw Hagar
- (2) Saw Sarah
- (3) Saw Judas
- (4) Woman wash Jesus' feet.
- (5) God's love always with His people.
- (6) God takes personal interest in us.
- (7) Never delegates our trust to another -
He takes care of us.
- (8) Unwearied power - never slumbers -
never takes His eyes off you.

b) Always

- (1) Not one single day without his love.
- (2) Any period of life you could be
without him: adversity, prosperity?

c) Jehovah, Thy God.

- (1) Personal.
- (2) All Yours.

B. Proceed with Caution (v-4)

1. Space between you and it.

- a) No scramble.
- b) No impulsive moves.

2. Have not passed this way heretofore.

- a) Not learned enough to walk alone.
- b) Won't pass this way again.

Deut. 33:25 "As thy days, so shall thy strength"

3. Obstacles before us, sure.

- a) Caleb wanted mt. where they grew
giant size grapes & grew giant size
giants.

Nu. 13:30 "We are well able to overcome it".

- b) Lunacy test: bail out water trough -
turn spicket off first.
- c) Fear not - Lu. 2:10

C. Sanctify Yourself.

1. Take spiritual inventory.

- a) Any adjustments.
- b) Any Thanksgiving.
- c) Any Resolves.

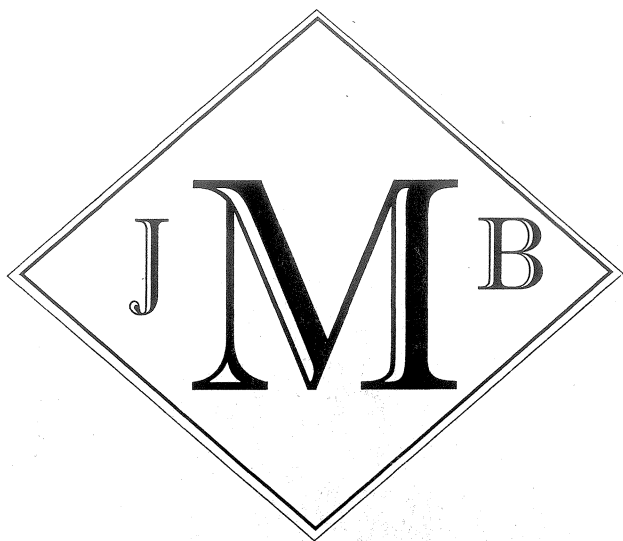
2 Cor. 13:5 "Examine yourselves"

Prov. 3:6 "Acknowledge him & he shall"

2. What do you want?

Phil. 3:10 "That I may know him"

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WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN

Joshua 6

I. Heralded in sermon and song are the crumbling walls of Jericho. We study afresh this glorious story. *Heb 11:30*

II. Now Jericho

A. Many call it bad chapter division.

B. Jericho--Fragrant place.

1. Name's meaning uncertain.

2. Little matters as the cloud of dust of wandering Israelites grows larger-- Jericho their first obstacle.

3. Location

a) South of Israel's encampment.

b) 8 miles from Jordan.

c) Dead Sea 5 miles away.

d) 17 miles from Jerusalem to the northeast.

4. 225 x 80 meters, 600 meters in circumference. *Meter about 40"*

5. Jerusalem 400 x 100 meters in David's time.

6. One of world's oldest inhabited places.

7. 800' below sea level.

8. Few inches of rain each year.

9. Pear shaped mound 400 x 200 yds., 70 yds. high.

C. Shut Up

1. Red River, New Mexico used "Shut".

2. No one goes in or out.

III. The Lord's Battle Plan *Told 3x*

A. God gives clear instructions.

1. Nothing else is heard from Him. *1. God (2-5)*

2. Took faith to carry it out. *2. Joshua 6-9*

3. Execution of plan 8-16

- 3. Everyone involved and important.
- 4. Things don't keep going in the same old way.
- 5. "Compass" only here.

B. Have Given--Hand.

- 1. Expresses divine assurance of victory.
- 2. Have given--prophetic certainty.
- 3. Trust God.

1 Jn. 5:4

4. Joshua not free to follow his own plan--only God's. And he understood what that was!

5. This story bitterly assailed.

- a) One said Rahab let them in.
- b) Explosives planted under wall while Jericho watched Israel march. *earthquake*
- c) Shout like an opera singer breaking a glass. *d) Five*

6. Remember

- a) Compass--surround, encircle. *e) Egyptians did it*
- b) God's work must be done God's way by God's people.

C. The Plan

1. 7 Priests--white tunics?

- a) Many use word 7.
- b) Seven = perfection, completeness.

2. Ark

- a) Ark 10X in this chapter.
- b) Main focus.
- c) God's presence among His people makes a difference.

3. 7 Trumpets of Rams' horns.
 a) Trumpets of Jubilee.
 b) Not a musical instrument.
 c) Shophar--curved ram's horn.
 (1) Battle call (Judges 7:20).

*Shophar
 is best of
 matter of dulcet
 sound--keeps
 w m you*

- (2) Herald state occasions
 (1 Kings 1:34,39)
 Religious festival.
 (Ps. 81:3)
 (Lev. 25:9)
4. 7 days--compass 7 nights, 6 days--
 7 x 7th day. (Walls did not weaken
 one bit with the 7th day's 6th
 trip!)
5. Long blast--great shout. → *Testify your
 faith in God's
 promises*
 a) Like battle cry.
 b) No noise till this time.
 c) Inspired ranks, demoralized
 enemy.
 d) Associated with religious overtone.
 e) Joshua--supreme commander
 determines time to shout--battle is
 not ours but the Lord's.
6. Walls fall flat.
 a) Get set for solemn sacrifice of
 entire town.
 b) First fruits of Promised Land to
 be wholly offered to God.
 c) Only hope Jericho had rests with
 its walls--but better to be with a
 silent marching crowd that has
 God's blessings.
 d) Walls will not hold back the
 purposes of God.

e) Spurgeon--God wants his people
to work--wait--win.

f) There is an active side to Christian warfare.

D. Joshua relays the orders.

1. He "rose"--was he not with them every march?

2. Joshua repeats exactly God's instructions.

3. No evidence of opposition. *After all quasi*

4. Plan would test their obedience. *manu*

5. Gives all a part in it. *God conduct*

6. Could bring ridicule from the enemy.

7. Could also strike fear into their heart.

IV. Execution of the Plan

A. The Procession Formed

1. Armed men.

2. 7 priests with 7 horns.

3. Ark--presence of the Lord.

4. Rear guard--600,000 fighting men.

5. People last thing in march.

6. All or just part?

B. Ark prominent as hand of God does it.

C. Horns blown continually. *- We should not*

D. People perfectly silent. *Speak when God*

Exo. 14:13 "Stand still and see salvation" *is*

E. Return to camp daily. *speaking*

1. Jericho small--8 or 9 acres.

2. 15 minutes to march around it.

3. City a mound.

4. Wait.

Isa. 30:18 "Blessed are they that wait"

Isa. 26:3

- a) Waiting is not wasted time.
- b) "Lord, give me patience and right now."
- c) God never in a hurry but He is never late.
- d) Alka-Seltzer Christians--dipped in water, fizzle awhile, then go out or disappear. (Parsons)

F. Rahab's House Stood

- 1. Gentile sinner saved, Achan, Abraham's child perished.
- 2. Walls fell flat (in its place)
 - a) Faith the victory.
 - b) No natural phenomena--God did it.
 - c) No earthquake--would get camp and Rahab.
 - d) Shout didn't do it with vibrations.
 - e) Marching steps not shock wave, not attributed to human agency.
 - f) When we obediently march God gets the glory.

G. Utterly Destroy All

- 1. Cherem = ban
- 2. Morally right?
- 3. God punishes evil.
- 4. God reserves the right to punish sin wherever it's found.

H. Walls Today?

- 1. City occupied til 1550 BC.
- 2. Several layers seen.
- 3. Parallel walls--inner one 12' thick, outer 6' thick, 6' between them say some.

Nothing makes a man greater than the 6.

V. End of the Story *evidence God is with him*

A. 2 men go for Rahab.

- 1. Still uses "harlot". *Send young men?*
- 2. Saved by grace and faith.

Heb. 11:31 *Wife of Salmon, mother of Boaz*

- 3. Saved whole family. *ancestors of Jesus*
- 4. Yet outside camp--camp to be clean.
- 5. Day after day we must ponder our faith and fate.
- 6. God has great interest in individual--wants all saved.
- 7. Faith made a difference in her life.
- 8. Foreigners are welcome.

B. Burnt City

- 1. Do you believe anyone will be lost?--is there a hell?
- 2. Can God save anyone?
- 3. Curse put on city--dangerous to build up what God wants destroyed.

C. Lessons *Lord c Joshua - v 27*

- 1. God wants obedient people who accept His plan.
- 2. Spoils belong to God alone--He overthrew it.
- 3. God fights for His people.
- 4. God keeps His promises.
- 5. One day another Joshua will shout--Earth's last day.

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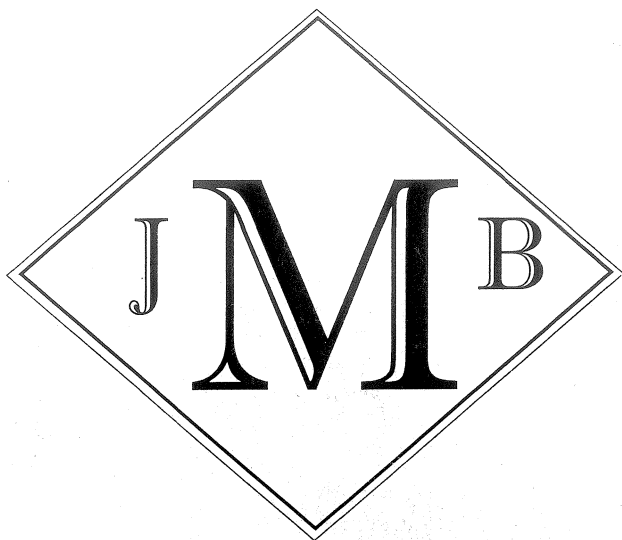
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FAITH AND THE FALL OF A CITY

Josh. 6:12-20

I. From Elam's Notes 11/7/1926 we get these facts.

A. A city destroyed by faith--it was Jericho.

1. Famous town.

a) City of palm trees.

Deut. 34:3

b) Had a king, walls, wealth.

c) allotted to Benjamin.

Josh. 18:11

d) Rebuilt by Hiel.

I Kings 16:34

e) School of prophets there.

f) Elisha healed the waters.

2 Kings 2:15-22

g) Jesus healed blind man.

h) Jesus entertained by Zacchaeus.

Matt. 20:29-34

i) 15 miles N.E. from Jerusalem

j) 6 or 7 miles west of Jordan

k) Good samaritan

2. Most famous for:

a) Fallen walls

b) Rahab in lineage of Jesus.

c) At time of conquest when hearts melted.

Josh. 5:1

d) Shut up town.

Josh. 6:1

3. Here the angel came to encourage Joshua.

Josh. 5:13-15

Josh. 6:2

4. Given to Joshua before fall.

Josh. 6:2

- a) God did it.
- b) Though important, not the marching.
- c) Man had something to do to get it.
- d) Obedience necessary.

Heb. 5:9

- e) It was God's way of bulldozing, not man's. It's His power yet faith essential.

B. The march.

1. First armed men.
2. 7 priests, 7 horns or trumpets of rams' horns.
3. Middle--ark of covenant borne by priests.
4. Rereward - rear guard.
5. 7 days, 7 rounds on 7th day.
6. No shout or sound until them.
7. Rose up "early" to start march--earnest, zeal not for cool of day, but determined obedience!
8. 7th day "after the same manner."
 - a) Shout
 - b) Walls fell flat (v-20).

c) March in and take city.

9. What made walls fall?

Heb. 11:30

10. No one said "city is ours by promise--no need to march.
11. Or by faith "marching is non-essential."
12. Not "if we march it's not by faith."
13. 13 trips are required--do it all in one day and get it over.
14. "All we've got to do is shout."
15. Rather faith says obey every command, trust God for results.
16. Are we saved by faith?

Gal. 3:26-27 "For we are all sons of God."

Mark 16:16

Acts 2:38

Heb. 11:31

James 2:25

17. Rahab did as directed with red cord.

Josh. 2:15-21

Matt. 1:5

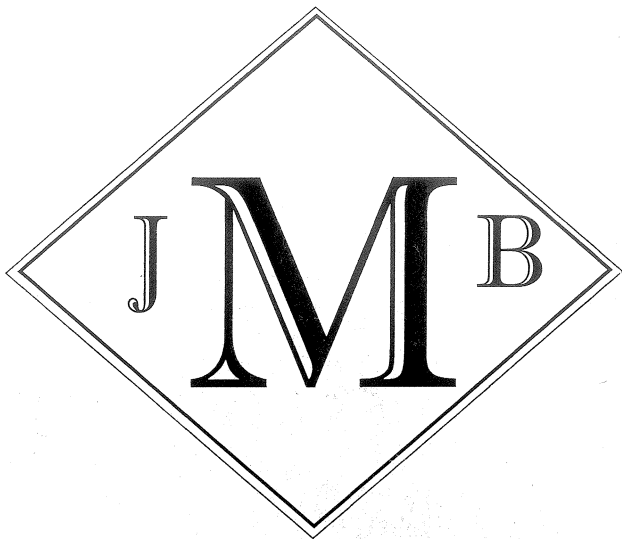
C. Devoted (destroyed) city all to God.

Josh. 6:17-24

Josh. 7:21

D. God was with Joshua

Josh. 6:27 "So Jehovah was with Joshua and his fame was in all the land."



WE NEED MORE CALEBS!

Josh. 14:6-15

- I. As the land of Israel was to be taken, Elam's Notes of 11/14/1926 has an interesting study on Caleb.

- II. If your life was to be reduced to one statement what would it be?
 - A. Possible statements:
 1. He was a doubting Thomas.
 2. He loved his wife.
 3. He had 14 children.
 4. He was a union organizer.
 - B. For Caleb there is one statement.
Josh. 14:8 "I wholly followed Jehovah my God.."

- III. What are some things we know about him?
 - A. These facts:
 1. Not like Achan and his sin at A-i.
Josh. 7
Josh. 8:1-29
 2. Not like the deceiving Gibeonites.
Josh. 9
 3. Not like the aging Joshua - "old and well stricken in years."
 - B. Caleb was different.
 1. Tribe of Judah - Num. 13:6.
 2. One of 12 spies.
 3. Younger brother Othniel who became a judge--the first one.

4. Rather obscure genealogy.

Josh. 14:14

5. Was he a foreigner? By birth--or later proselyte?

6. Son of Jephunneh, from Kenaz, son of Esau.

Gen. 36:15

:42

7. Man of another spirit--fully followed God.

Deut. 1:36

8. Knew Hebrew--got cluster of grapes.

Nu. 13:22-24

9. 40 years old as a spy.

10. Brought minority report but it was what was "in my heart."

Josh. 14:7

a) Honest

b) Courageous

c) Truthful

d) Stated facts without bias.

e) Great faith in God

f) Contrasts with ten whose report "made the heart of the people melt."

Num. 13:25

Num. 14:10

11. Believed God.

Deut. 11:24

12. Wholly followed Jehovah, believed in his guidance, power, protection.
13. When crowd wanted to return to Egypt he stood fast in opposition.
14. Said God kept him alive (v-10).
15. Complied with condition of God.

2 Cor. 1:20

16. Remember Larimore's statement:
 Since my earlier recollection I have never seen a day or an hour of a day, or a minute of an hour, when I doubted any promise God has ever made, or any word he has ever uttered. No reasoning or persuasion is necessary in order to induce me to believe in God. My doubts and fears arise with my failure to obey God--that is, to comply with the conditions upon which God's promises are made. When one, as did Caleb, wholly follows Jehovah, one can sing with full assurance of faith.

"The Lord has promised good to me;
 His word my hope secures;
 He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures.

(cont'd)

"And when this heart and flesh shall fail
 And mortal life shall cease,
 I shall possess within the veil
 A life of joy and peace."

17. He was 85 when he asked for this assignment--ready for work.

Josh. 14:10-12

18. Believed they could take this country "as the Lord spake."

19. Joshua blessed him and gave it to him for an inheritance.

Josh. 14:13-14

Josh. 11:23

20. It was (Hebron) very old city, built seven years before Zoan in Egypt (Numbers 13:22). It was here Abraham camped and built an altar (Gen. 13:18) and became his burial ground (Gen. 23).

C. Great events come when a believer wholly follows the Lord.

