The One Who Holds the Covenant Will Be Healed

Scripture: Joshua 14:6–15

6 Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You know the word which the LORD said to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea.

7 I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as it was in my heart.

8 Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

9 So Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance and your children’s forever, because you have wholly followed the LORD my God.’

10 And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, ever since the LORD spoke this word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now here I am this day, eighty-five years old.

11 As yet I am as strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in.

12 Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the LORD said.

13 And Joshua blessed him and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance.

14 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel.

15 And the name of Hebron formerly was Kirjath Arba (Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim). Then the land had rest from war.

Introduction

May tonight be a night of healing for everyone, including those worshiping online. May you hold onto the covenant and be healed.

Those who hold the covenant will be healed.

Today we look at the story of Caleb. He is someone we know well.
This week's message is about the **Word that does not return empty**, meaning that it will surely be fulfilled and will conquer the field.

Introduction (Main Points)

1. Prayer itself is very important, but prayer that holds the covenant is especially important.

1. The covenant we must hold is **Christ**.
   He is the One who solves all problems and sets us free from the curse. Through Him we will surely have victory and conquer.
2. Another promise within that covenant is the **army of heaven**.
   God promises to send His angels. What we need is the **spiritual eyes** to see this.
3. Another covenant to hold is that **prayer receives answers**.
   Why? Because God promised it. He said to pray and He will answer. We simply follow that promise.

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2. Through this we must reach 24-hour prayer.

I hope everyone receives this blessing.

3. Become a person who receives answers in prayer.

The most basic foundation of prayer is **the faith that God answers prayer**.

Caleb was a **descendant of Esau**, a **Gentile**.

Main Message

1. The Covenant – Caleb

1. In verse 9 Moses **swore an oath**, saying that the land Caleb stepped on would belong to him.
2. In verse 10 Caleb says that **for 45 years the Lord kept him alive just as He had said**. This shows how remarkable Caleb was. Others may have thought they suffered greatly to arrive there.
   But Caleb thought differently. He confirmed that **everything happened exactly according to God's Word**.

Why was that?

This is the characteristic of someone who has received the Word.
When the Word enters the heart, that person **continually confirms that Word in the events of life**.

3. In verse 12 Caleb said, **"Give me this mountain."**
   If God is with him, he will surely conquer it.

The word spoken by Moses became **a covenant in Caleb's heart**, and he confirmed that the Word spoken **45 years earlier had been fulfilled**. Therefore he was convinced that **what will happen in the future will also be fulfilled**.

The same is true for us.
When suffering comes, think about your past.
Look at the answers God gave throughout your life.
With those spiritual eyes, analyze your present hardship.
The moment you analyze it with the covenant, it becomes **conquest**.

The answers of the past become the **lifelong answers of our lives**.

4. In verse 15 it says, **"Then the land had rest from war."**

This was the final battle.
There were still lands left to conquer, but after conquering the Anak mountain region, the war ended.

Caleb became the one who **brought the conclusion to the Canaan conquest**.

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2. He Was Originally a Person of the Covenant

Even though he was a Gentile, this is revealed in his confession in verse 8.

1. Caleb said the others melted the hearts of the people with fear, but he **remained faithful to God**.
   He was a man of covenant.

He not only experienced personal healing but **life healing and a complete reversal**.
He finished the historical war of the Canaan conquest.

We must have **hope** like this.
We must have **one covenant**.

Without the covenant, what strength would we have to live?

Sometimes life can be difficult. Our hearts and circumstances may become weary.
But when the covenant comes to mind, everything turns around.

The covenant **revives us**.

This covenant is **God's Word and promise**.
Without it there is no hope and no conquest.

If this covenant settles in our hearts today, that is the **greatest healing**.

All the healing of life is contained in that.

Looking at Caleb, we see that **the Word entered his heart**.
After 45 years he confirmed it and gained certainty.
He defeated a mighty people and ended the war.

2. In verses 7–8 we see the words **"a faithful heart"** and **"loyalty."**

This refers to what is inside a person.
What kind of person are you before God?

If someone is faithful and loyal before God, what happens?

When we truly enjoy Christ, **the serpent's head is crushed**, which prevents us from being faithful.
Then we begin to change from within.

Do you feel that spiritual change happening inside you?

If you truly enjoy Christ, one day you will become a **witness**, and you will testify that your life has changed.

3. Caleb was a **Gentile from the line of Esau**, yet there are several remarkable Gentiles in the Bible.

4. **Ruth and Rahab** are examples.

Though they were Gentiles, they became people of great faith and covenant.

In the New Testament, we see **Priscilla**, a Roman woman.

In fact, we are all Gentiles.

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3. Caleb's Final Act Was a Great Challenge

1. Hebron's old name was **Arba**, the place of the **Anak people**, who were giants.

At that time physical size meant power.

But what allowed Caleb to challenge them was **God's Word**.

People may say many things, but what matters is **the Word**.

This week's message calls it **"the Word that does not return."**

Caleb held onto that Word and ended the war of Canaan.

2. The cities were **large and fortified**, and the people were giants.

In reality, such a situation is not easy.

While we listen to the Word, everything seems possible.
But once we enter real-life situations, it becomes different.

The answer that allows us to remain the same even in reality is **the Word**.

When the Word enters our hearts, **fear disappears**.

Therefore, live **centered on the Word**.

3. End everything with **the covenant**.
   Moses was a leader, but Caleb received his words **as God's Word**.

Others heard the same words, but only those who accept them as God's Word receive them as such.

4. Caleb was chosen to **bring the war to its conclusion**.

May we also receive this grace.

Conclusion

1. Caleb received the leader's words as God's Word.

What is the evidence?

He **did not forget it for 45 years**.

When the Word proclaimed from the pulpit enters the heart like that, life changes.

We must not listen to the pulpit message and training messages casually.
If we truly pray and listen seriously, we will progress spiritually much faster.

In this is **healing**.
In this is **conquest**.

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2. Our attitude is important.

We must become **people of the covenant**.

We must be **faithful and loyal to God's covenant and His desire**.

In the past people turned faith into religion because they did not know the covenant.

But today the problem is different:
The covenant does not work in us because we lack **faithfulness and devotion**.

When these are present, the covenant begins to work.

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3. May you have deep prayer today.

True healing comes through prayer.

Be peaceful, thankful, and joyful, and hold onto the covenant again.

Pray sincerely from your heart.

Everyone has this sincerity inside them.
But when it does not continue, the healing effect appears only briefly.

If that small spark continues, **answers will come**.

Final Prayer

May God bless us all.
May the Word that does not return empty become our covenant once again.

God, we thank You for Your grace.
Thank You for giving us this precious Word.

May all glory be given to You.
Help us become those who hold the covenant.
Help us know what that covenant is, see it, and possess it.

May our lives be healed,
our families and children be healed,
and may our economy, evangelism, missions, and the church be healed.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.