



Prayer Topic and Main Word – People of God – Part 11 – Following YOU Wholehearted ...

People of God

What type of character did they have? Who were they? What did they do?

These people were people just like you and me. They committed their way unto the LORD and trusted in Him, so that the LORD ACTED in their lives. They had weaknesses and strengths just like you and me. They had trials, challenges, problems, hardships, and had to fight each and every day. They were not any different than you and I. They were human beings who decided each day to arise and serve the LORD.

Our LORD and God is no respecter of persons. In other words, each of us has the same opportunity to serve the LORD each and every day we are alive. My prayer each day is for all of us to serve Him with our whole heart!

I tried to define the definition of what people of God is – there is no formal definition.

The bottom line is it is a person who serves the LORD whole-heartedly each and every day, depending on the LORD in His grace and mercy to cover them through Jesus Christ as their Savior and LORD!

Today's Prayers

Who was Caleb?

Caleb (Hebrew: כָּלֵב, *Kalev*) was an Israelite leader from the tribe of Judah, best known as one of the twelve spies sent by Moses to scout the land of Canaan and as one of only two men of his generation (along with Joshua) who entered the Promised Land.

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Caleb-in-the-Bible.html>

Background and the Spy Mission

Caleb was the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite (Numbers 13:6; Joshua 14:6). He represented the tribe of Judah as one of the leaders chosen to explore Canaan from Kadesh-barnea. The spies



returned after forty days with samples of the land's fruit (including a large bunch of grapes) and confirmed it was fertile—"flowing with milk and honey"—but ten of them warned against attacking because the inhabitants (including giant Anakim) were strong and the cities fortified. <https://www.britannica-com.translate.goog/biography/Caleb>

Caleb (with Joshua) opposed the majority's fearful report. He urged the people: "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it" (Numbers 13:30). He and Joshua later tore their clothes and pleaded with the Israelites not to rebel against the Lord, insisting God would give them the land and that the people's protection had departed from the Canaanites. <https://www.christianity.com/wiki/bible/who-was-caleb-in-the-bible.html>

God's Judgment and Promise

The people rejected the positive report and wanted to stone Caleb, Joshua, Moses, and Aaron. God decreed that the adult generation would die in the wilderness over forty years of wandering and would not enter Canaan—except for Caleb and Joshua. God specifically praised Caleb: "My servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly," promising that he and his descendants would inherit the land he had seen (Numbers 14:24; see also Deuteronomy 1:36). <https://www.gotquestions.org/Caleb-in-the-Bible.html>

Inheritance in Hebron

Decades later, after the conquest under Joshua, the 85-year-old Caleb approached Joshua at Gilgal. He recalled Moses' promise and requested the hill country of Hebron (formerly Kiriath-arba), noting he was still as strong as the day Moses sent him out. Joshua granted it to him "because he wholly followed the LORD, the God of Israel" (Joshua 14:6–14). <https://www.compellingtruth.org/printer/Caleb-in-the-Bible-PF.html>

Caleb drove out the three sons of Anak (Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmi) from Hebron and took possession of it. He offered his daughter Achsah in marriage to whoever captured nearby Debir (Kiriath-sepher); Othniel (described as his nephew or relative) did so and married her. Achsah later requested additional springs of water from her father as part of her inheritance (Joshua 15:13–19; Judges 1:12–15, 20). <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Caleb>

Significance and Other Details



Caleb is repeatedly held up in the biblical text as a model of wholehearted faith and loyalty to God despite opposition and physical challenges (including facing the same giants that had terrified others, even in old age). He is sometimes noted as a Kenizzite, which some scholars interpret as indicating non-Israelite (possibly Edomite-related) origins who became incorporated into Judah; there is also a separate or related figure named Caleb son of Hezron in genealogies in 1 Chronicles. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caleb>

The name *Caleb* is commonly linked to the Hebrew word for “dog” (*keleb*), with connotations of boldness, loyalty, or an outsider/servant; other suggestions include “wholehearted” or “bold/impetuous.” <https://www.abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Caleb.html>

In short, Caleb stands out in the Old Testament as a courageous, faithful leader whose trust in God’s promises was rewarded with long life, strength into old age, and a lasting inheritance in the land.

Caleb was a man of faith.

Pray we are the same as YOU are no respecter of persons, in the name of Jesus.

Numbers 13:30 - Then **Caleb silenced the people before Moses** and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."

Caleb was a godly man, humble, lived for God whole heartedly!

Pray we have humility before honor, a wholehearted following in YOU, in Jesus name. ALL things are possible to them that believe.

Numbers 14:6 - Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, **tore their clothes**.

Pray to follow YOU whole heartedly, today, in each moment, in the name of Jesus.

Numbers 14:24 - But because my servant **Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly**, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.

When? When they cried out to the LORD God.

Pray we cry out to YOU today, asking, seeking, knocking, repentant, turning to YOU, following YOU with our whole heart in Jesus.



Judges 3:9 - But **when they cried out to the LORD**, he raised up for them a deliverer, Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, who saved them.

Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests, please email them to us and we will pray. How powerful is prayer? The incense to God, which is our obedience and the prayers of the saints, moves the hand of God into action in the last days (Revelations).

Prayer Verses

Numbers 13:6 - From the tribe of Judah, Caleb son of Jephunneh.

Numbers 13:30 - Then **Caleb silenced the people before Moses** and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."

Numbers 14:6 - Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, **tore their clothes**.

Numbers 14:24 - But because my servant **Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly**, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.

Numbers 14:30 - Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except **Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun**.

Numbers 14:38 - Of the men who went to explore the land, only Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh survived.

Numbers 26:65 - For the LORD had told those Israelites they would surely die in the desert, and not one of them was left except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.

Numbers 32:12 - Not one except Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua son of Nun, for they **followed the LORD wholeheartedly**.



Numbers 34:19 - These are their names: Caleb son of Jephunneh, from the tribe of Judah.

Deuteronomy 1:36 – “Except Caleb son of Jephunneh. He will see it, and I will give him and his descendants the land he set his feet on, because he followed the LORD wholeheartedly.”

Joshua 14:6 - [Hebron Given to Caleb] Now the men of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the LORD said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me.”

Joshua 14:13 - Then **Joshua blessed Caleb** son of Jephunneh and gave him Hebron as his inheritance.

Joshua 14:14 - So, Hebron has belonged to Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite ever since, because he followed the LORD, the God of Israel, wholeheartedly.

Joshua 15:13 - In accordance with the LORD's command to him, Joshua gave to Caleb son of Jephunneh a portion in Judah—Kiriath Arba, that is, Hebron. (Arba was the forefather of Anak.)

Joshua 15:14 - From Hebron Caleb drove out the three Anakites—Sheshai, Ahiman and Talmi—descendants of Anak.

Joshua 15:16 - And Caleb said, "I will give my daughter Acsah in marriage to the man who attacks and captures Kiriath Sepher."

Joshua 15:17 - Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's brother, took it; so, Caleb gave his daughter Acsah to him in marriage.

Joshua 15:18 - One day when she came to Othniel, she urged him [Hebrew and some Septuagint manuscripts; other Septuagint manuscripts (see also note at Judges 1:14) Othniel, he urged her] to ask her father for a field. When she got off her donkey, Caleb asked her, "What can I do for you?"



Joshua 15:19 - She replied, "Do me a special favor. Since you have given me land in the Negev, give me also springs of water." So, Caleb gave her the upper and lower springs.

Joshua 21:12 - But the fields and villages around the city they had given to Caleb son of Jephunneh as his possession.

Judges 1:12 - And Caleb said, "I will give my daughter Acsah in marriage to the man who attacks and captures Kiriath Sepher."

Judges 1:13 - Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it; so, Caleb gave his daughter Acsah to him in marriage.

Judges 1:14 - One day when she came to Othniel, she urged him [Hebrew; Septuagint and Vulgate Othniel, he urged her] to ask her father for a field. When she got off her donkey, Caleb asked her, "What can I do for you?"

Judges 1:15 - She replied, "Do me a special favor. Since you have given me land in the Negev, give me also springs of water." Then Caleb gave her the upper and lower springs.

Judges 1:20 - As Moses had promised, Hebron was given to Caleb, who drove from it the three sons of Anak.

Judges 3:9 - But **when they cried out to the LORD**, he raised up for them a deliverer, Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, who saved them.

1 Samuel 25:3 - His name was Nabal, and his wife's name was Abigail. She was an intelligent and beautiful woman, but her husband, a Calebite, was surly and mean in his dealings.

1 Samuel 30:14 – "We raided the Negev of the Kerethites and the territory belonging to Judah and the Negev of Caleb. And we burned Ziklag."

1 Chronicles 2:9 - The sons born to Hezron were: Jerahmeel, Ram, and Caleb. [Hebrew Kelubai, a variant of Caleb] From Ram Son of Hezron.



1 Chronicles 2:17 - Abigail was the mother of Amasa, whose father was Jether the Ishmaelite. Caleb Son of Hezron.

1 Chronicles 2:18 - Caleb son of Hezron had children by his wife Azubah (and by Jerioth). These were her sons: Jeshar, Shobab and Ardon.

1 Chronicles 2:19 - When Azubah died, Caleb married Ephrath, who bore him Hur.

1 Chronicles 2:24 - After Hezron died in Caleb Ephrathah, Abijah the wife of Hezron bore him Ashhur the father [Father may mean civic leader or military leader; also in verses 42, 45, 49-52 and possibly elsewhere.] of Tekoa.

1 Chronicles 2:41 - Shallum the father of Jekamiah, and Jekamiah the father of Elishama. The Clans of Caleb.

1 Chronicles 2:42 - The sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel: Mesha his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph, and his son Mareshah, [The meaning of the Hebrew for this phrase is uncertain.] who was the father of Hebron.

1 Chronicles 2:46 - Caleb's concubine Ephah was the mother of Haran, Moza and Gazez. Haran was the father of Gazez.

1 Chronicles 2:48 - Caleb's concubine Maacah was the mother of Sheber and Tirhanah.

1 Chronicles 2:49 - She also gave birth to Shaaph the father of Madmannah and to Sheva the father of Macbenah and Gibeon. Caleb's daughter was Acsah.

1 Chronicles 2:50 - These were the descendants of Caleb. The sons of Hur the firstborn of Ephrathah: Shobal the father of Kiriath Jearim.

1 Chronicles 4:15 - The sons of Caleb son of Jephunneh: Iru, Elah and Naam. The son of Elah: Kenaz.



1 Chronicles 6:56 - But the fields and villages around the city were given to Caleb son of Jephunneh.