

# Caleb

## Introduction

1. The background is found in Numbers 13:25-14:10.
2. About 40 years have passed, but Caleb has not changed.

### I. Caleb's Performance (vv. 6-8)

- A. His past showed deep devotion to the Lord.
  1. Many peoples' past is haunting.
  2. Paul's past motivated him (1 Tim. 1:15).
  3. Caleb's past performance should have motivated others.
- B. Joshua, the current leader, was an eye witness to Caleb's performance.
- C. Caleb was fortunate to have another like-minded soul with whom to work.

### II. Moses' Promise (v. 9)

- A. How reassuring this promise must have been.
- B. God keeps His promises (2 Pet. 3:9).
  1. The promise for Christ spanned 4,000 years.
  2. For Christ's contemporaries, the promised church spanned about 3 years (Matt. 3:2; 4:17).
- C. Forty-five years had passed (v. 10), but God's promise to Caleb was never in danger of being broken.

### III. Caleb's Petition (vv. 10-12)

- A. Caleb was ready to work for what he wanted!
  1. Too many have a sense of entitlement.
  2. Success does not come without effort.
- B. At the age of 85 Caleb was ready to drive out the Anakims.

### IV. Joshua's Pronouncement (vv. 13-15)

- A. Joshua blessed Caleb and sent him to his reward.
- B. Caleb wholly followed God.