

Numbers 14:24

"But My servant Caleb, because he has had a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land which he entered, and his descendants shall take possession of it.

Outside of Joshua, everyone other than Caleb, who was not a child when the people decided to listen to the other ten spies; died in the wilderness. Remember that God told the people what they would see when they went in to spy out the land, and it was exactly as He said. Yet the ten spies, who came back with a bad report, saw it all through their carnal eyes; but Joshua and Caleb saw everything the Lord spoke of, through faith! It was Caleb's faith that is referred to as a different spirit here.

Caleb saw all that God had said was there, yet Caleb knew that the greatest giants in the land were as grasshoppers to the Lord. Caleb knew who he was, and who God was. Understanding and believing that God can and will do everything that He says He will do, requires something supernatural, it requires faith! Faith is a gift from heaven that God gives to His children, which allows us to know and understand things that would otherwise be outside of our understanding. All twelve spies saw exactly the same thing, but ten of them were limited, because God was not in their vision. The fact of the matter is that these very men were in blatant sin against God. Unbelief is one of the greatest sins a Christian can commit. Because unbelief is a declaration that is made by saying that God cannot or will not do what He has said. The consequences for those ten spies, was that the Lord demanded their very life that day. But Caleb was granted the promise that the Lord had made to the entire nation, because he believed.

What about you? Do you find it hard to believe God for the things that He promises in His word, or perhaps that He has promised to you personally. Just because you have never seen it come to pass, doesn't mean that it won't. Abraham had to wait twenty-five years for his promise. David and Joseph had to wait up to fourteen years. Waiting is one of God's greatest gifts to each of us; because it is a tool that refines us into His image. It removes the dross or sin in our life, and replaces it with faith. Faith is also something that grows. As our relationship deepens with Him, our faith grows in Him! **Romans 12:3** say, **God has allotted to each a measure of faith.** I believe that before each of us were born, the Lord through His grace gave to each of us the measure of faith that we would need, in order to successfully face this life. The problem is that most Christians never develop their faith. They are too afraid of allowing the Lord to show who He is to them in a personal and mighty way. Therefore they never enter their promised land as a consequence of it.

What about you dear friend, have you denied the power of God in your life because of fear? Then I exhort you today to repent, and to ask Jesus to help you, to place your trust in Him through the faith that he has already given you!