

Watchman Part 15

The Watchman Should See God, Not Giants

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“1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Send thou men, that they may search^a the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them. 3 And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men were heads of the children of Israel. 4 And these were their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur. 5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori. 6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 7 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph. 8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea the son of Nun. 9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu. 10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi. 11 Of the tribe of Joseph, namely, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi. 12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli. 13 Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael. 14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi. 15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi. 16 These are the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun Jehoshua. 17 And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this way southward, and go up into the mountain: 18 And see the land, what it is, and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong or weak, few or many; 19 And what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds; 20 And what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the firstripe grapes. 21 So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath. 22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak, were. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) 23 And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs. 24 The place was called the brook Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence. 25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days. 26 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land. 27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. 28 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. 29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan. 30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. 31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. 32 And they brought up an evil report of the

land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. 33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.” (Numbers 13:1-33 KJV)

God commissioned Moses to prepare the people to receive His promise, the land that He already gave them, by sending spies to go where He directed them, to observe the quality of the land and the people that lived there, whether they be strong or weak, few or many, and what the land is that they live in, whether good or bad; and the kind of cities they lived in, whether in tents, or in strong holds. Also about the land if it is rich or poor, whether there is wood there or not, also to be of good courage, and to bring from the fruit of the land. ** In the same way God wants us to prepare the people to receive His promises, the eternal life, to be ready at the coming of Jesus, and to achieve the task He entrusted to them to do so that when Jesus will come then all of us are ready to go with Him. * We admonish the people not to go for worldly things nor to do their own will or plans and live the life they want, but the plan and the way that God wants them to live; we do encourage the people to go and reach the lost and do the ministries of God.*

Moses sent twelve men and they came back after forty days. Ten of the twelve men, who were leaders from each tribe, violated the command to be encouragers; because by their reports they discouraged the people. *“31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.” (Numbers 13:31 KJV)* Why they gave such a discouraging report? Because they compared the giants with themselves, looking to their inability and not to God’s ability, therefore they came up with a discouragement message, so as a result of that, they enlarged and magnified their enemies. Read what they reported: *“28 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. 29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan. 32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. 33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.” (Numbers 13:28-29, 32-33 KJV)* *It is not wrong to understand the enemy, but do not overestimating the enemy’s threats and underestimating God’s ability to carry you to where He wants you.* The ten men were essentially disobedient and disbelieving and not willing to obey God, so they created giants which replaced the full trust in God who is able to bring them to possess the land that He already promised to give them but suppose they will obey God. ** Now, you look to yourself and check your behaviors and see how you create giants that are not existing because you don’t want to obey God and finally that would hinder you to receive what God had promised to you. * God gave you eyes to see, so see correctly, so as true watchman and follower of God should see God and fully trust Him and His abilities, fully obey him, and believe in His power and His presence in your life, and not on giants.*

God already knew about the so called “giants”, their names and history, “**22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak, were. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)**” (Numbers 13:22 KJV) But when God sent the twelve men to spy the land He told Moses “**2 Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.**” (Numbers 13:2 KJV) God did not say to Moses that He will give but He said the land “**which I give.**” So God already gave the land to them and what they needed to do was to go and to possess; and they were sent to explore and evaluate before they will prepare their campaign to possess. The so called “giants”, that they magnified became the source of terror for the Israelites who later died in the wilderness. They described others, comparing them to the standard of giants that they created, and that became the obstacle that hindered them to enter the Promised Land. They were giants in their eyes but not in the eyes of God. God knows the giants around us, in our work and living places, and even in and around our ministries, and He knows how to deal with them, that is why He is with us, so take heart and be of good courage. We should have the confidence in God that He is with us and encourage the people as Joshua and Caleb declared and as the following, “**30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.**” (Numbers 13:30 KJV) “**6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: 7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. 8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. 9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.**” (Numbers 14:6-9 KJV) To what the ten men did God promised that they will not enter the Promised Land, “**23 Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:**” (Numbers 14:23 KJV) * When you are disobedient and have no faith in God then you will not be able to receive what God had promised you. * But when we obey the Lord then He will delight in us and pleased with us and will enable us to do His work and He will achieve to us His promise. Caleb and Joshua are good example to us; both invited God to work mightily in their lives. Joshua and Caleb were true and faithful watchmen and followers of God whom God rewarded bountifully. Joshua led the people into the Promised Land and to Caleb he would receive the land that he went to. Giants in life should never overcome us as we set our hearts and eyes upon God’s ability, and willing to obey Him, that in His time, in His way, and by His direction will bring to pass and grant us the promises that He had made. Joshua and Caleb faced, and even we today ought to face the following giants in order to receive what God had promised:

1. The giant of the opinion of the majority: Caleb and Joshua were outnumbered by the rest of the spy men and the majority of the people, but they did not listen to the majority opinion. Because they were seeing clearly God and His power, what He said and promised and what He can do to them. * Do not put your ear on what people speak and say even if they are well educated and even they called themselves Christians. As

long as what they say is not based on the Word of God and His promises then you do not need to bother yourselves with them. * That is why we encourage you not to watch TV, YouTube, facebook and sit down and gossip and chat with worldly people who does not have God or know His Word and follow His ways, because all such things will pull down your faith. We should look intently to His Word that can give us freedom as we read here: “**25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.**” (James 1:25 KJV) That is why daily you need to read your Bible and meditate on His Word and pray so you will not be discouraged and confused with the message and the voice of the devil and the enemy.

2. The giant of long waiting: Caleb waited 45 years in the wilderness while a nation murmured and wasted around him. Abraham waited 25 years to receive the promise of God, but Caleb waited 45 years to receive the promise of God. He waited through years in the wilderness for all the people to die and then after to enter the Promised Land, and he waited while Joshua took the land. But as watchman he was seeing that God is faithful to reward him, and finally, he was able to step forward to ask to possess the land that was filled with giants, and that was Hebron, realizing that God had not forgotten him, “**6 Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenazite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadeshbarnea. 7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadeshbarnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart. 12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.**” (Joshua 14:6-7, 12 KJV) Don’t be tired to wait upon God, be patience and trust Him that He will fulfill to you what he had promised you.

3. The giant of half hearted service: Caleb his heart refused to see giants but rather to see God. As watchman his heart was full of faith knowing that he will receive from God what He promised if he continues to obey God. Repeatedly the Word of God said about Caleb that he wholly followed and obeyed God with all his heart as we can read in the following verses the condition of his heart: “**7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadeshbarnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart. 8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God. 9 And Moses swore on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children’s for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God. 14 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenazite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel.**” (Joshua 14:7-9, 14 KJV) Caleb followed God fully, “**24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.**” (Numbers 14:24 KJV) Caleb had another spirit, the spirit of obedience, faith and faithfulness, that is why he saw what God promised him because he followed God whole heartedly, “**36 Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the LORD**” (Deuteronomy 1:36 KJV) As a follower of God and a faithful watchman, continue to obey God fully, continue to be willing to serve Him, follow Him wholeheartedly, and offer your life and

all what you have to Him then you will continue to receive what He had promised to you. Half hearted Christians who serve God with grumbling and murmuring, doing their own will and plan, serving for wrong motive in love for money and for the world, and non willingness to obey Him they are bad watchmen and bad examples and will not be able to see what God is sending to them from blessings and ultimately they will miss them. Don't be part of such.

4. The giant of time and age: The other spies and the people had been buried by the giant of time because of half-hearted faith. But Caleb's fully persuaded heart conquered the giant of time over the 45 years of waiting, and that heart equipped him: *"10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old."* (Joshua 14:10 KJV) Do not be worry about your age, and do not look on your grey hair or on your bald head or your other physical limitations in relation to your age; it will not be a hindrance for you to receive what God had promised as you continue to trust Him, obey Him and follow Him wholeheartedly.

5. The giant of loss of strength and the inability: Caleb's faithfulness meant that he had not lost his ability to serve and even do war for God. This giant of inability will always try to convince you that there is no way for God to use you to possess His promises. *"11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. 12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said."* (Joshua 14:11-12 KJV) Trsut God will give you the good health and the needed strength and vigor to conquer what He had promised you. Never think about sicknesses or health disability but as watchman and follower of God see clearly the power of God in your life and set your mind and heart to obey and follow Him wholeheartedly.

6. The giant of threatening: The devil will try to threaten you to stop you from conquering what God had promised you, by giving you obstacles in the same place of what God had promised you. God had promised to Caleb, to give him Hebron, which was in the stronghold of the three sons of Anak, *"Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai"*. The threats of these three men of large stature controlled the entrance to the Promised Land that He promised to Caleb, from the south and all the surrounding lands. But, Caleb and Joshua were not put off by their threats. The threats of Satan and the enemies should not discourage us, nor make us put off the task of God entrust to us. Joshua defeated them as we read here, *"21 And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities. 22 There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained. 23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their*

tribes. And the land rested from war." (Joshua 11:21-23) Joshua is the Hebrew word for 'Jesus', means Jehovah is Saviour; He is our Saviour. Jesus is our Joshua today, defeating what others perceive as impossible giants, and will help us to overcome them all and to receive and conquer what God had promised us as we determine to obey Him and follow Him. Caleb asked for Hebron and was not afraid despite the continual threats of the sons of Anak, the so called, *"giants"*, who were conquering that mountain. Despite their threats, Caleb conquered them, *"12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said. 13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance. 14 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel."* (Joshua 14:12-14 KJV) * Don't listen to the voice and the threats of the enemy, but you need to stand firm, willing to obey God fully, then you can resist the devil and he will flee away from you. * And as Joshua and Caleb did their part for God and dealt with the giants we also will do our part and deal with the giants by the power of God.

My Dear and Beloved: *"15 And the name of Hebron before was Kirjatharba; which Arba was a great man among the Anakims. And the land had rest from war."* (Joshua 14:15 KJV) God changed the name of the place of His promise to Caleb from the land of the giants *"Kiriatharba"*, which means the city of Arba, the forefather of the Anakims, to the place of God's friends, God's association or *"Hebron."* Jesus said, *"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."* (John 15:14 KJV) As watchman and follower of God as you obey Him you will be able to see things in the way as God seeing them, so you will be the friend of God and frind of Jesus, and be part of and in association with His church, and He will enable you to go along with Him and overcome obstacles and defeat giants and receive God's reward and promises.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that showed me clearly the way that you want me to live for you.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord. Renounce all your disobedience, being half hearted to live for God and to serve Him, your worldliness, your wrong motives, doing your owns plans and will, and the wrong style that you adopt in your life. Lord I confess the following sins

Lord from this time on I commit my body, soul and spirit in your hand to go on and serve you and walk in your ways wholeheartedly and in full obedience. Lord I commit myself to direct others and encourage them to go on your ways. Lord helps me to see events in the way you see them all. Lord helps me to believe that you are preserving me to conquer and to enjoy what you had promised me.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who came to you and offering their lives to you. Lord bless them, protect them and provide all their needs. Lord fill them with the Holy Spirit and use their lives and testimonies to evangelize and to bring others to you.

Devil I rebuke you and cast you out in the name of Jesus; you have no power to hinder us from receiving the promises of God. Lord Jesus, we as a church, trust in you that you are our leader and will lead us to possess all what you had promised to us of ministries and we move by faith, obeying you fully and surrendering out lives and will fully to your service.

Lord we pray that you bless us as a church, fill us with the Holy Spirit once again and give us the spiritual gifts to go on and serve you reaching the lost. Lord go before us and help us to plant new congregations and new Bible studies. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God', Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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