

Joshua and Caleb

SLIDE 1 Joshua & Caleb

Review: God made a covenant with Abraham that his descendants would be many, blessed and be a blessing and get the 'promised land' which is Israel, a land flowing with milk and honey.

Jacob had 12 sons, God renamed him Israel, his sons became the 12 tribes of Israel. His favorite son Joseph was sold by his brothers to be a slave to Egypt. While there the king had a dream and Joseph interpreted and became 2nd in command in Egypt. He stored food for the upcoming famine. His brothers during the famine came to Egypt to get food, met his brother and his whole family moved. Many years later a new king made Israel slaves, the Bible said it would last 400 years.

God sent Moses to set his people Israel free after 400 year. He led them through the red sea after God parted the red sea and they walked thru on dry ground and God closed the sea on the Egyptian army.

SLIDE 2 Just outside of the promised land Moses sent out 12 spies to spy out the promised land so they could figure out their plan of attack.

They brought back lots of fruit from there and confirmed that the land was flowing with milk & honey. However 10 spies said they were afraid of the people because there were giants there saying we are like grasshoppers in their sight so they said no to taking the promised land, they lacked the faith in God's promise. The 2 spies said we can take the land, they were Joshua & Caleb, they had faith and believed God at His Word.

SLIDE 3 So God had them go around in circles in the wilderness or desert for 40 years until all those who were adults then who lacked faith would die in the desert. Only those who were kids then and Joshua and Caleb who had faith would get to enter the promised land and take it and kill all the wicked people who lived there, to take the land God had promised.

God told them to kill everyone in the promised land because they were very wicked so that they would not be influenced by their wicked ways. The only partially obeyed and left some of the wicked people because they wanted to start enjoying the promised land. This disobedience would come back to haunt them numerous times throughout their history.

SLIDE 4 While in the wilderness or desert for 40 years God was still with them and led them by day with a cloud to protect them from the heat and by night to give them light and warmth.

SLIDE 5 He provided food each day that would miraculously appear on the ground for them to pick up and eat called manna, except on the Sabbath which God would provide twice as much the previous day so they could rest on the Sabbath

SLIDE 6 They complained a lot, even saying they wished they could go back to Egypt forgetting they were slaves there.

They complained about the manna so God sent them Quail to eat.

They complained about being thirsty so God would send them water from a rock that followed them. The Bible later clarifies that the rock was Jesus.

1Corinthians 10:3-5 All of them ate the same spiritual food, and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

SLIDE 7 While Moses was up on the mountain for 40 days meeting with God and writing down the 10 commandments, the people including Aaron made a golden calf to worship it, saying this is the God that brought us out of Egypt.

Moses heard a commotion of them partying when coming down the mountain and they were worshipping the golden calf, so Moses dropped the 2 stone tables and broke them and ran down to correct them and ground the golden calf to dust and threw it in the fire.

1Corinthians 10:6-7 These things happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did, or worship idols as some of them did. As the Scriptures say, 'The people celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry.' (They did what unbelievers do, we are called to live for God who saved us)

SLIDE 8 Moses rewrote the 10 commandments again on 2 new pieces of stone.

The 10 Commandments are:

Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:2-17



SLIDE 9 (Pic of snake on a pole)

1Corinthians 10:8-9 And we must not engage in sexual immorality as some of them did, causing 23,000 of them to die in one day. Nor should we put Christ to the test, as some of them did and then died from snakebites.

- Moses killed one of the snakes and put it on a pole and everyone who looked to it was saved or delivered from death. This is a foretelling picture of Jesus and how we can be saved by looking to Him.

10-11 And don't grumble as some of them did, and then were destroyed by the angel of death. These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age.

1Corinthians 10:12-13 If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure.

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After the 40 years in the wilderness the people who lacked faith to go in died, except Joshua and Caleb and those that were children at the time.

They crossed the Jordan river led by Joshua and entered the promised land.

At 80 years old Caleb ran into the promised land to go kill the giants because he believed God at His Word but had to wait 40 years to enter into the promised land because of the other people's lack of faith.

SLIDE 11 APPLY IT

Faith moves you forward to experience God's best, to your promised land.

A lack of faith will result in sin and will have your lives going in circles not producing fruit that satisfies and pleases God for which you were created and saved for.

Sin has consequences that can last a lifetime and cause you to not to experience God's best.

You gotta believe God at His Word, not your feelings or what is popular.

- Feelings are real you just can't let them dictate your choices. – Ron Arbaugh
- What is right is not always popular, and what is popular is not always right.

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Transition to the gospel. Just like the people who were bitten by poisonous snakes you have been bitten by sin that causes death too, just like they had to look at the snake on the pole to be saved, you must look to Jesus and what He accomplished on the cross to die for your sins and take the penalty so we do not have, and we can be saved if we **repent - change our minds about your sins and agree with God that you are wrong, then we too can be saved.**

Being good can't save you, going to church does not save you and being baptized can't save you.

- **You must believe that Jesus took the penalty for your sin and died in your place and rose again.**
- **Repent- change your minds about your sin**

Questions

1. How many spies did Moses send to spy out the land? 12
2. How many spies had enough faith to enter into the promised land? 2
3. What were the spy's names that had the faith to enter? Joshua & Caleb
4. What happened due to their lack of faith to enter the promised land? They went in circles in the wilderness for 40 years.
5. What did God provide for them to eat? Manna (quail once)
6. How did God provide water for them in the desert? From a rock
7. How did God lead and protect them while in the desert or wilderness? Fire by night and a cloud by day