

Preaching Elder R. Rubino

Sermon Outline for Sunday, April 11, 2021

Sermon: "Caleb: Faithful or Abusive Father?" What's Wrong With You People? Pt. 2

I Text:

Old Covenant: Leviticus 18:6-18; Judges 1:10-15

New Covenant: Romans 1:16-32

II Doctrine:

Caleb as part of the tribe of Judah, continues to conquer the land God granted his people. Reminiscent of King Saul's promise to give his daughter to the man who slayed Goliath, Caleb offers his daughter in a similar way. Caleb will give his daughter in marriage to the man brave enough to take the city of Kirjathsepher. Caleb was actually fulfilling a father's duty, offering his daughter to the most faithful and industrious man, who believed the promises of God. Unlike many modern fathers who encourage their daughters to be treated like a used car, Caleb wanted a strong man who would protect his daughter.

Caleb's nephew would be faithful enough to take the city. He was actually wise in his promise because Othniel would be the first Judge of Israel. Caleb blesses his victorious nephew with his daughter Achsah as a wife. The Bible forbids incestuous marriages, yet first cousin marriages are not strictly forbidden. Church law eventually forbid marriage between first cousins. Much of the world today allows marriage between first cousins. Royalty in Europe often married their cousins. Some orthodox Jewish groups allow incestuous marriages that the Bible strictly forbids.

Achsah shows what a faithful wife she is to her husband, by asking for land they would need. This is a great example of how a daughter is no longer under her father's authority when she marries. Her loyalty is now to her husband as his help meet. The same way fathers protected and guided their daughters before marriage, they must allow their daughters to develop as women after marriage.

III Comparing Scripture With Scripture:

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2) Caleb's nephew would be faithful enough to take the city. He was actually wise in his promise because Othniel would be the first Judge of Israel. Caleb blesses his victorious nephew with his daughter Achsah as a wife. The Bible forbids incestuous marriages, yet first cousin marriages are not strictly forbidden. Church law eventually forbid marriage between first cousins. Much of the world today allows marriage between first cousins. Royalty in Europe often married their cousins. (*Judges 1:13; Leviticus 18:6-18; <https://www.history.com/news/5-things-you-may-not-know-about-queen-victoria> ;https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/468337/jewish/Prohibited-Marriages.htm*)

3) Achsah shows what a faithful wife she is to her husband, by asking for land they would need. This is a great example of how a daughter is no longer under her father's authority when she marries. Her loyalty is now to her husband as his help meet. The same way fathers protected and guided their daughters before marriage, they must allow their daughters to develop as women after marriage. (*Judges 1:14,15*)