

I. Judah Continues to Conquer (vv 9-11).**A. Conquering in every land (v 9).**

- 1) Exposition of the Text: Conquering the hill country (mountainous areas), the Negeb (dry, desert regions), and the lowlands (areas between the mountains and plains) (Jsh 11:16).
- 2) Christological Doctrine: Christ went forth conquering all things: Heaven (hills), Hell (Negeb) and Earth (Lowlands)
- 3) Application: We are to kill our sin, wherever God may reveal it to us through His Word and the work of His Spirit.

B. Capturing the Ancient City of Refuge (v 10).

- 1) Exposition of the Text: Hebron was the Canaanite city where the Patriarchs were buried (Gen 49:31, 50:13), and would become one of the cities of refuge for the nation of Israel (Jsh 20:7). Arba, the father of giants (Jsh 14:15, 15:13; Num 13:22, 25).
- 2) Christological Doctrine: Jesus came to take captivity captive (Eph 4:8) and to put death to death (Heb 2:14).
- 3) Application: We are to know and believe upon Christ Jesus for our salvation (Mt 11:28).

C. Crushing the head of the wicked civilization (v 11).

- 1) Exposition of the Text: *Kiriath-sepher*, means the *City of Books*; *Debir* is a derivative of *Word*. The city of wicked books was replaced by the Word of God.
- 2) Application: Christians should not sin in desiring that wicked philosophies and culture be preserved (2 Cor 10:5)
- 3) Christological Doctrine: Judgment from Christ (Psa 109:15)

II. Othniel Ransoms a Bride by Crushing His Enemies (vv 12-13).**A. Caleb's Determination to Destroy His Enemies (v 12a).**

- 1) Exposition of the Text: Caleb's hatred and grudge against the Anakim (Num 13:30-31; Jsh 14:10-12)
- 2) Application: We are to have such a holy hatred and righteous grudge against our sins
- 3) Christological Doctrine: Christ's holy focus in His ministry to save us (Lk 2:49, 9:51; Heb 12:2; 1 Jn 3:8)
- 4) Exposition of the Text/Application: This was not a joy to be kept to oneself (Jsh 15:14; 1 Cor 6:2-3; Gen 6:4; 1 Jn 1:4).

B. Caleb's Deal for His Daughter (v 12b).**1) Exposition of the Text****2) Christological Doctrine: The Love of God for the Church****C. Othniel's Daring in Battle (v 13).****1) Exposition of the Text: Othniel captures the city, slays the giants, and gets the girl.****2) Christological Doctrine:**

- a) Christ is of the same nature as the Father
 - b) Christ is our Kinsman Redeemer
 - c) Out of a zeal for holiness, Christ defeated death and the grave (Isa 9:7)
 - d) Christ, out of love, died for the sins of His elect, that we should be His Bride (Rom 5:8).
 - e) The Father gave this commission to the Son out of love for the Church (John 3:16)
 - f) Christ was given His Bride upon His resurrection (Eph 5:23)
 - g) We may only enter the inheritance of that better and truer country because of the holy work of Jesus Christ.
 - h) Christ's victory continues as the ascended King (Eph 1:22)
- 3) Two Applications:**
- a) First, Husbands you are to love your wives (and children) in this very manner (Eph 5:25-27)
 - b) Second, we are to persevere in following Christ with lively faith (Heb 4:11)

III. The Ransomed Bride Receives an Inheritance (vv 14-15).**A. Achsah's insistence with Othniel (v 14a).****B. Achsah's inquiry to Caleb (vv 14b-15a).**

- 1) Exposition of the Text (Est 5:2; Pr 31:13, 16)
- 2) Applications:
 - a) So should we come before our heavenly Father with such boldness and confidence. (1 Pt 5:7; Heb 4:16)
 - b) This is the love the Father has for His children (Jn 14:13)

C. Achsah's inheritance from Caleb (v 15b).

- 1) Exposition of the Text (Gen 2:10).
- 2) Such is the kind of blessing the Lord gives to the Church.
- 3) Such is the kind of blessing the Lord gives to the Christian in both body and soul, in both this life and heaven (1 Kgs 10:7; Rev 22:1; Jn 4:14).