

CALEB IS 85 YEARS OLD

INTRODUCTION

(Job 12:12) "With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding."

(Psalm 92:12-15) "The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; to show that the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him"

In the promised land, Caleb asked for Hebron as an inheritance: (Joshua 14:5-14).

CALEB IS AN EXAMPLE TO "THE ANCIENT"

1. CALEB MAINTAINED A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND FAITH IN GOD

(Joshua 14:11) "as my strength was then, even so is my strength now"

God keeps promises: (Isaiah 46:4) "even to your old age I am he, and to your gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear, I will carry and will save"

(Psalm 31:14-15) "O Lord ... my times are in thy hand"

2. CALEB HAD A SENSE OF DIVINE PURPOSE

(Joshua 14:12) "Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day ... "

There isn't a mandatory retirement age with God.

(Titus 2:2-5) "But the older men be ... The aged women likewise, that they be ... "

3. CALEB WAS OBEDIENT TO THE LORD

(Joshua 14:8) "I wholly followed the Lord" (v14) "he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel"

That's a secret to spiritual success, start young.

(Ecc. 12:1) "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth ... "

Many blessings in so doing: youth have the ability to learn many things quickly, they have talents to be developed, it's the right road, no regrets in old age, it provides an example for other youth, it warms the heart of the elders when considering the future of the congregation, it doesn't rob God of service right now.

CLOSE - (2 Cor. 4:16 – 5:1)