

OTHNIEL

JOSHUA 15

Text: Joshua 15:17

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Introduction:

1. THE HERO MENTIONED (THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST)

A. Othniel = Lion of God or the strength of God.

B. Judge and Deliverer.

(Judges 3:9) "And when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother."

C. Jesus like Othniel is the "strength of God" sent forth as a deliverer for His people.

1. The Lion of the tribe of Judah

2. THE TASK ACCOMPLISHED (THE WORK OF CHRIST) v.16-17

(Joshua 15:16-17) "And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjathsepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife. {17} And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife."

A. Othniel's mission was to smite and to take

B. He finished the work on which he set his heart to do.

1. Much effort and agony was spent

C. The work of Jesus was also to smite and to take

1. He smote the Devil

(Luke 4:1-12) "And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, {2} Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. {3} And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. {4} And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. {5} And the

devil, taking him up into an high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. {6} And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. {7} If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. {8} And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. {9} And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: {10} For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: {11} And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. {12} And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

(Colossians 2:15) "And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it."

2. In capturing the human heart He still must smite the spirit with conviction before He can take it as a habitation for Himself.

3. THE REWARD OFFERED (THE BRIDE OF CHRIST) v.16

(Joshua 15:16) "And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjathsepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife."

A. It was a battle for a bride.

1. It was a reward of love, reverence, and service

B. A picture of the church, the reward given for Christ work, passion, and victory

1. Purchased by His own blood

(Ephesians 5:25-27) "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; {26} That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, {27} That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

4. THE DOWRY GIVEN (THE CHRISTIANS PORTION) v.19

(Joshua 15:19) "Who answered, Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs."

A. She received springs of water

B. Every Promise of God is an unfalling spring

(John 4:10-14) "Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. {11} The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? {12} Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? {13} Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: {14} But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

(Revelation 7:17) "For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

C. Every child of God may have his or her dowry of living springs.

1. My God shall supply

2. Psalms 87:7

(Psalms 87:7) "As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee."