

# Deuteronomy 1:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the LORD.

## Analysis

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Caleb stands as the exception—'unto him will I give the land' and 'to his children.' The phrase 'he hath wholly followed the LORD' translates Hebrew 'male acharei' (fully filled after), indicating complete devotion and perseverance. Caleb's faith distinguished him from the faithless generation. This verse illustrates the Reformed doctrine of perseverance—true faith endures to the end (1 John 2:19). Caleb's reward extends to his children, demonstrating covenant continuity and the blessing of godly parenting. His wholehearted following becomes the standard for genuine faith.

## Historical Context

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Caleb the Kenizzite was 40 years old at Kadesh-barnea (Joshua 14:7). Unlike his fellow spies, Caleb urged Israel to possess Canaan immediately, trusting God's promise (Numbers 13:30). His faith was rewarded 45 years later when, at age 85, he conquered Hebron and the hill country (Joshua 14:6-15). His descendants included Othniel, Israel's first judge (Judges 3:9).

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. What does Caleb's example teach about the nature of faith that God rewards with inheritance?
2. How does wholehearted following of the Lord manifest in your daily life and long-term faithfulness?

## Interlinear Text

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וְלֹא יִרְאֶה נָה	ה וַא	יִפְנֶה	וְלִבְנֵי יוֹ	כָּל בֶּן זִוְלָתִי
he shall see	H1931	of Jephunneh	and to his children	Caleb
H7200		H3312	H1121	H2108 H3612
בָּהּ	דָּבַר	אֲשֶׁר	הָאָרֶץ	אֶת
H0	he hath trodden upon	that	the land	it and to him will I give
	H1869	H834	H776	H5414
יְהוָה:	אָחֳרַי	מִלֵּא	אֲשֶׁר רַ	וְלִבְנֵי יוֹ
the LORD	followed	because he hath wholly	that	and to his children
H3068	H310	H4390	H834	H1121 H3282

## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 14:24** (Parallel theme): But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

**Numbers 32:12** (Salvation): Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun: for they have wholly followed the LORD.