

**READING:** Exodus 20: 1 – 17 and Numbers 14: 1 – 24  
**PSALTERS:** 217 – 326: 2 – 40: 3,5,6 – 400: 3,5 – 421: 3,6

## **THE FAITH OF CALEB**

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Text: Numbers 14: 24

*"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."*

### **What was revealed in his life**

- The Lord gave them permission and commanded Moses, and he again to the people, to send twelve spies to Canaan, one from each tribe.
- They had said the truth but they also were silent about another truth.....
- The people believed the ten spies but did not believe Caleb and Joshua. They were murmuring and speak about returning to Egypt.
- Although faith will be tried, it indeed is never put to shame!
- The Lord himself says, "But my servant Caleb."
- God's children learn to place a zero under all their activities. That which is of God remains, but faith is necessary to believe and so it is in the life of God's children in general.

- It is not recorded here how far Caleb had learned in his life, but the Lord says, "But my servant Caleb."
- But my servant Caleb had followed me fully, because it was wrought by God's spirit.

**What was wrought by God's spirit:**

- By nature we are driven and led by our depraved spirit and by our sinful desires.
- How was it then that they followed the Lord fully?... The Lord has confirmed that which He has said: "I will give them a new heart and a new spirit within them."
- But they begin to cry to an unknown God whom they love.
- If that can be for me, then it can be for everyone.

**What was rewarded by grace.**

- Well, because Caleb did not earn it. He was able to do so by grace.
- And when Caleb came in Canaan he said that his strength was still unbroken....
- Because then the Lord will testify His Word and say: "I will bring thee into that land and thy seed shall also possess it."