



Homes of H.O.P.E. Prayer and Study Guide 8/12  
Based on sermon: “A Different Spirit”  
Preached August 8, 2009

1. Read Numbers 13:13-14:11, 23, 24; Hebrews 3:7-4:2. What caused the Israelites to die in the desert instead of possessing the promised land?
2. How is the promised Holy Spirit similar to the promised land? Where is the promise of the Spirit found?
3. God said Caleb had a “different spirit.” What was “different” about Caleb’s spirit? See Numbers 13:30-33; 14:1-10.
4. In what ways is Caleb an example of Spirit-filled living?
5. What did Jesus mean when He said, “The kingdom of God is within you!” (Luke 17:21)? What does this mean for us today?
6. What does it mean that Spirit-filled living is promise-driven living? What’s the difference between debating the promises and possessing the promises?
7. Consider this statement: “Whether you are promise-driven or problem-driven, you receive what you say.” Agree or disagree? Be prepared to support your answer. See Matt. 12:34 and Numbers 14:28, 29.
8. God also commended Caleb for following Him “wholeheartedly.” What does it mean to follow God with a whole heart?
9. Do you agree or disagree with the following: “Too many Christians live on the edge of the kingdom of God. There is a border Christianity. It’s on the fringes. Not in not out. Not hot not cold. A Lukewarm spirit is a common spirit and those who possessed a common spirit died in the desert. If your Christian experience feels like an endless wandering in the desert, you may be serving God only half-heartedly.”
10. Read Acts 2:38, 39. What role does belief play in receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit?
11. Pay attention to the terminology regarding faith and possession in Deut. 1:35, 36; Deut. 11:23, 24; Josh. 1:3. What is the spiritual parallel for us today? What does this have to do with living by the promises of God—especially the promise of the Holy Spirit?
10. Read the following paragraph: “If all were willing to receive, all would be filled with the Spirit...we are too easily satisfied with a ripple on the surface, when it is our privilege to expect the deep moving of the Spirit of God...He is ready to supply every soul **according to the capacity to receive**. Then let us not be satisfied with only a little of this blessing, only that amount which will keep us from the slumber of death, but let us diligently seek for the abundance of the grace of God. Only to those who wait humbly upon God, who watch for His guidance and grace, is the Spirit given. ***The power of God awaits their demand and reception.***”  
(*My Life Today*, E.G. White, p. 57)

What parts of this statement speak directly to your heart? Why? What will you do about it?