

Wholly Follow the Lord
into the Fullness of His Calling

... Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord,
that thou fulfil it. Colossians 4:17

Numbers 32:11-12 *11 Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, **shall see the land** which I swear unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because **they have not wholly followed me**: 12 **Save Caleb** the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and **Joshua** the son of Nun: **for they have wholly followed the LORD.***

➤ **Joshua and Caleb**

Deuteronomy 31:7 *And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, **Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.***

Joshua 14:11 *As yet I [am as] **strong** this day as [I was] in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength [was] then, even so [is] my **strength now, for war**, both to go out, and to come in.*

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.*

➤ **Review of Numbers 32**

Verses 1-5 | Request of the Tribes of Reuben and Gad

Numbers 32:1-5 *1 Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place [was] a place for cattle; 2 The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying, 3 Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon, 4 [Even] the country which the LORD smote before the congregation of Israel, [is] a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle: 5 Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, [and] bring us not over Jordan.*

Verses 6-19 | Moses' Rebuke

Numbers 32:6-19 *6 And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, **Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?** 7 And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them? 8 Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadeshbarnea to see the land. 9 For when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which the LORD had given them. 10 And the LORD'S anger was kindled the same time, and he swore, saying, 11 **Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swear unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have **not wholly followed me**:** 12 **Save Caleb** the son of Jephunneh the*

Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun: for they have wholly followed the LORD. 13 And the LORD'S anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was consumed. 14 And, behold, ye are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of the LORD toward Israel. 15 For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and ye shall destroy all this people. 16 And they came near unto him, and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones: 17 But we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land. 18 We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance. 19 For we will not inherit with them on yonder side Jordan, or forward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jordan eastward.

Verses 20-27 | Armed Before the Lord, the Ark

Numbers 32:20-27 20 And Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed before the LORD to war, 21 And will go all of you armed over Jordan before the LORD, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him, 22 And the land be subdued before the LORD: then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before the LORD, and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the LORD. 23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out. 24 Build you cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth. 25 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spake unto Moses, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth. 26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead: 27 But thy servants will pass over, every man armed for war, before the LORD to battle, as my lord saith.

Verses 28-33 | The Matter Settled with Eleazar and Joshua

Numbers 32:28-32 28 So concerning them Moses commanded Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel: 29 And Moses said unto them, If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben will pass with you over Jordan, every man armed to battle, before the LORD, and the land shall be subdued before you; then ye shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession: 30 But if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan. 31 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered, saying, As the LORD hath said unto thy servants, so will we do. 32 We will pass over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, that the possession of our inheritance on this side Jordan [may be] ours. 33 And Moses gave unto them, [even] to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and unto half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, with the cities thereof in the coasts, [even] the cities of the country round about.

Verses 34-42 | Taking the Land

➤ **Carried Captive**

2 Kings 15:29 *In the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abelbethmaachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and **Gilead**, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Assyria.*

➤ **Wholly**

- wholly: *mala'* (maw-lay') – to fill or be full of; accomplish;

*generally, it denotes the completion of something that was unfinished or the filling of something that was empty;

Verb form:

*used in the termination of a set period of time

Genesis 29:27 **Fulfil** her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.

Daniel 9:2 *In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would **accomplish** seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.*

*used in an indefinite period of time

1 Chronicles 17:11 *And it shall come to pass, when thy days be **expired** that thou must go [to be] with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom.*

*translated *confirm*—to confirm words

1 Kings 1:14 *Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and **confirm** thy words.*

mala* with the noun *yadh* (*mala yadh*) to fill a hand and is translated *consecrate*; institute to a priestly office; deliver the priesthood **into one's hand

Exodus 28:41 *And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and **consecrate** them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.*

Exodus 29:9 *And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them: and the priest's office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.*

Regarding the annual atonement:

*Leviticus 16:32 And the priest, whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall **consecrate** to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen clothes, [even] the holy garments:*

Regulations of the priests:

*Leviticus 21:10 And [he that is] the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and that is **consecrated** to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes;*

- priests for the Lord;
- don't stop short of the promise and fulfilling His calling;
- don't settle for anything less than what He has promised;
- wholly follow the Lord in obedience, taking for Him the lands to which He has called us;