



Achsa

First Lady of Judges

Achsah's Context

1. Achsah was Caleb's daughter



Caleb

Numbers 13-14

Joshua 14-15

"He has had a different spirit
and has followed Me fully."



L'Automne by Nicolas Poussin, 1660's
Louvre Museum Collection

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2. Achsah was Othniel's wife



Othniel

Judges 3

“The Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Israel.”



Othniel by J James Tissot, 1890's
Jewish Museum, New York

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2. Caleb's plan to get her an honorable husband
3. The trouble Othniel went through to win her hand
4. The respect Othniel had for Achsah's plan and her ability to accomplish it
5. The very generous gift Caleb gave her





“Caleb was very wise and very shrewd, and he would not have any other than the most valiant warrior to be his daughter’s husband.”

- Drew Poplin



Caleb, Achsah and Othniel by Caroline Innis, 1827
Jewish Museum, New York

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- James B. Jordan



A counting of goats and rams in cuneiform script, 2360 BC
historyextra.com

Confident

Trust and reliance on a person or thing



From The Art Bible, published 1896
archive.org



“Between these two lines there is a path, narrow as a razor’s edge, which only the grace of God can enable us to trace; it is free alike from carelessness and from bondage, and consists in a sense of responsibility bravely borne by the help of the Holy Spirit...

Blessed is that man who finds the straight and narrow way between high thoughts of self and hard thoughts of God, between self-esteem and a timid shrinking from all effort. My desire is that the Spirit of God may guide our minds into the golden mean where holy graces blend, and the contending vices, equally natural to our evil hearts, are all excluded.”

- Charles Spurgeon



ὑπόστασις

(hoop-os'-tas-is)

Strongs G5287: that which has foundation, a setting or placing under



“Though a person may be sincerely and truly pious with only the knowledge of a few simple principles, yet, without a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of religious truth, the Christian character will be weak and unstable, easily led astray and carried about by every wind of doctrine.”

- Harvey Newcomb



παρρησία

(par-rhay-see'-ah)

Strong's G3954: unreservedness in speech;
openly, frankly;
free and fearless confidence



“Let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16

“Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place... let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith.”

Hebrews 10:19 & 22



"Love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgement."

1 John 4:17

"This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

1 John 5:14



Θαρρέω

(thar-hreh'-o)

Strong's G2292: to be of good courage, be
of good cheer



“Be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?””

Hebrews 13:5-6

“He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage.”

2 Corinthians 5:5-6



“Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, “Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven.”

Matthew 9:2

“Jesus, turning and seeing her said, “Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well.”

Matthew 9:22

“In the world you will have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33



1. Get a weaned heart from all earthly enjoyments
2. Suffer not guilt to lie upon your conscience
3. Be well satisfied you are in the way and posture God expects to find you in
4. Get right notions and apprehensions of your enemies
5. Labour to engage the presence of God with you in all places and conditions

- John Flavel



6. Get a high estimation of Jesus Christ
7. Beware you be not cheated with maxims of carnal policy, mistaken for Christian prudence
8. Look upon troubles with faith
9. Remember that there is a reward for sufferings
10. Propound to yourselves the best examples

- John Flavel

Biblical confidence is a good thing

It's based on:

1. Truth
2. Being close to God
3. Hope for the future



Prudent

Webster's 1828 Dictionary:

1. Wisdom applied to practice
2. Foreseeing by instinct
3. Economical

"The *prudent* man looketh well to his going."

Proverbs 14:8.



Medallions of the Most Famous People, 1581
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N – Nod



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P – Put down your phone



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“One of the unique marks of this chapter is the the inclusion of interesting little episodes related to the tribal conflicts and settlement. This leads me to suggest that **when Yahweh shows how adequate He is, He does so in fascinating detail.**”

- Dale Davis



Our help is in the name of the Lord.