

"GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN" - ROTTERDAM

Joshua 14:6-15

Bible Reading: Joshua 14:1-15

For the person of faith, a mountain is not an obstacle but an inheritance guaranteed by the promise of God (Jos 1:3-5). Caleb asked for Hebron, giants and all, because it was God's appointed portion; forty-five years of delay could not kill the word he carried (Jos 14:10,12). Rotterdam is our Hebron: a city to possess for Christ, a field to harvest souls, a place where the church must be gathered and established again. The mandate is not only to pray but to arise; not only to desire but to possess; not only to remember the former work but to labour for a greater work. *"Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it"* (Num 13:30).

THE MANDATE FOR ROTTERDAM CITY CONQUEST. *Joshua 14:6-8; 1:3-5; Psalm 2:8*

The church carries a mandate that no adversary can revoke. First, the mandate is commanded by the Master, who sends us to preach the gospel to every creature, and Rotterdam stands within that commission (Mark 16:15; Mat 28:19-20). Second, the mandate is confirmed by covenant, for every place that the sole of our foot shall tread upon is given unto us, and our feet have trodden Rotterdam before (Jos 1:3; 14:9). Third, the mandate is comprehensive: winning sinners, restoring backsliders, gathering contacts, discipling converts, and establishing a growing congregation in the city (Acts 26:18; 2 Tim 2:2). Fourth, the mandate is crowned with power, the abiding presence of Christ and the Spirit who convicts and converts (Mat 28:18,20; John 16:8).

THE MOUNTAIN BEFORE ROTTERDAM CITY CONQUEST. *Joshua 14:12,15; Zechariah 4:7*

Every effectual door has its adversaries, and every promised mountain its Anakims (1 Cor 16:9; Jos 14:12). First, there is the mountain of past setbacks, the memory of a work that paused, which faith must refuse to consult (Phil 3:13). Second, there is the mountain of secular indifference in a busy harbour city, yet the gospel remains the power of God unto salvation (Rom 1:16). Third, there is the mountain of scarcity in labourers, meeting place and finance, which prayer turns into provision (Mat 9:38; Phil 4:19). Fourth, there is the mountain of satanic resistance, but our weapons are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds (2 Cor 10:4), and before Zerubbabel every great mountain becomes a plain (Zech 4:7).

THE MEANS FOR ROTTERDAM'S CITY CONQUEST *Joshua 14:12-15; Joshua 3:5*

God's promised mountain is possessed by spiritual means, not by human strength. Caleb not only remembered the promise; he requested the mountain, trusted in the presence of the Lord, and moved forward to possess what God had spoken (Jos 14:12-14). Rotterdam's restoration and conquest will require the same spiritual pathway. By **concentrated prayers** that name Rotterdam before God with definite faith, **consecrated purity** that prepares clean vessels for His wonders, **covenant unity** that binds leaders, workers, families, and brethren in one purpose, **Caleb-like courage** that refuses the fear of former setbacks, **committed labourers** raised and planted for outreach, follow-up, and discipleship, and **continuing establishment** that seeks a restored, rooted, multiplied, and lasting congregation, Rotterdam shall move from promise to possession (Jos 14:12; Jos 3:5; Mat 18:19; Rev 3:8; Acts 18:10; Isa 60:22).

PRAYER POINTS *Joshua 1:3-5; 14:12; Zechariah 4:7; Revelation 3:8; Psalm 2:8; Acts 18:10; Isaiah 60:22*

- Praise the Lord for His promises over Rotterdam and for preserving the church in the Netherlands.
- Pray for unwavering faith and courage like Caleb to possess our possession in Rotterdam.
- Pray for consecration, holiness, unity and readiness among all brethren for the Rotterdam work.
- Bind every power of darkness resisting the Gospel in Rotterdam and destroy every device against it.
- Pray that every mountain before us in Rotterdam will become plain and become our inheritance.
- Pray for open doors, a suitable meeting place, favour and provision for the work in Rotterdam.
- Pray for pioneers, workers, families and faithful labourers to be raised and planted in Rotterdam.
- Pray for mighty demonstration of Gospel power through outreach, follow-up and discipleship.
- Pray for bountiful harvest of souls, and for former contacts to be located, restored and gathered.
- Pray that God's congregation shall be firmly established in Rotterdam and increase daily.