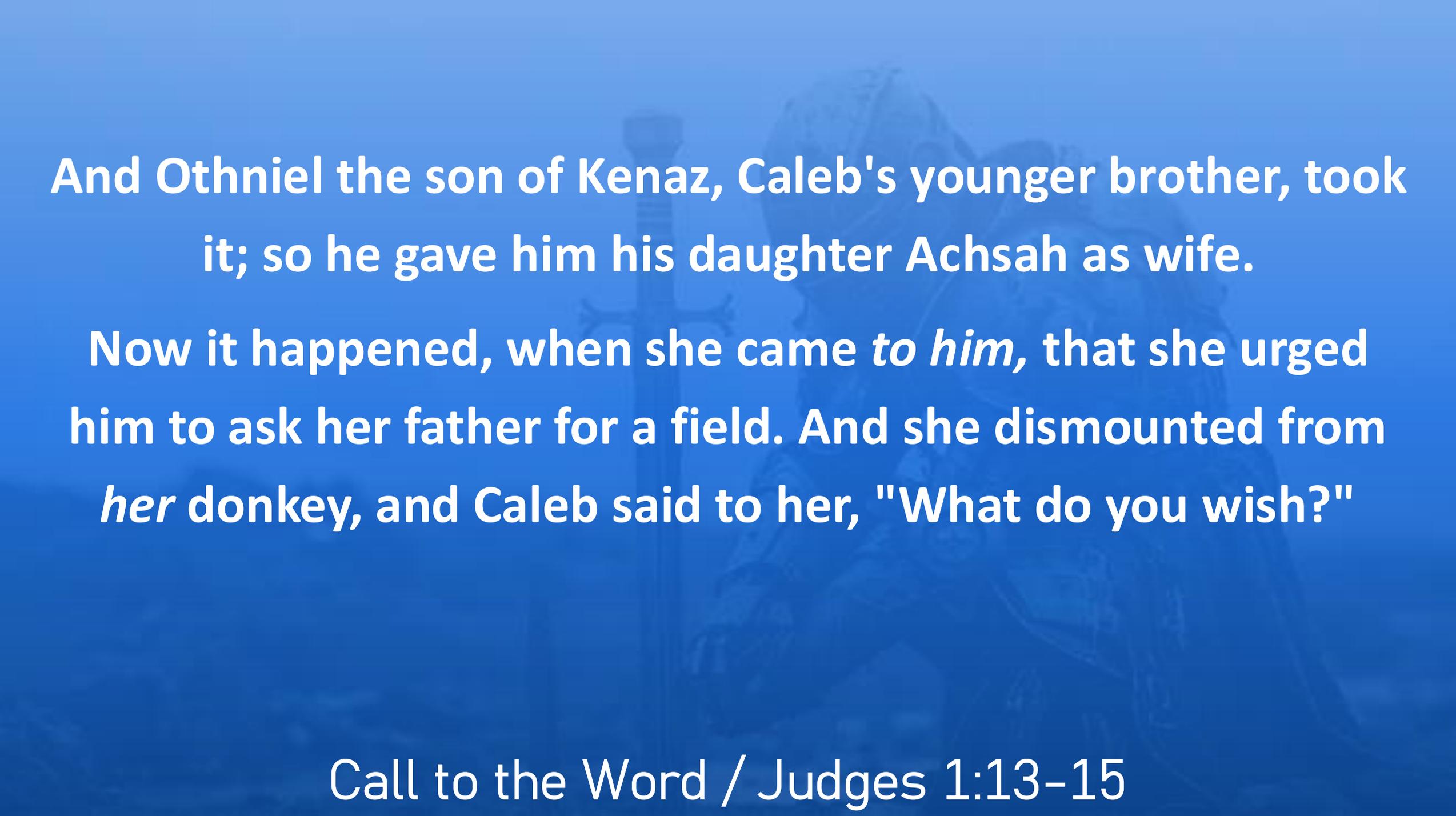


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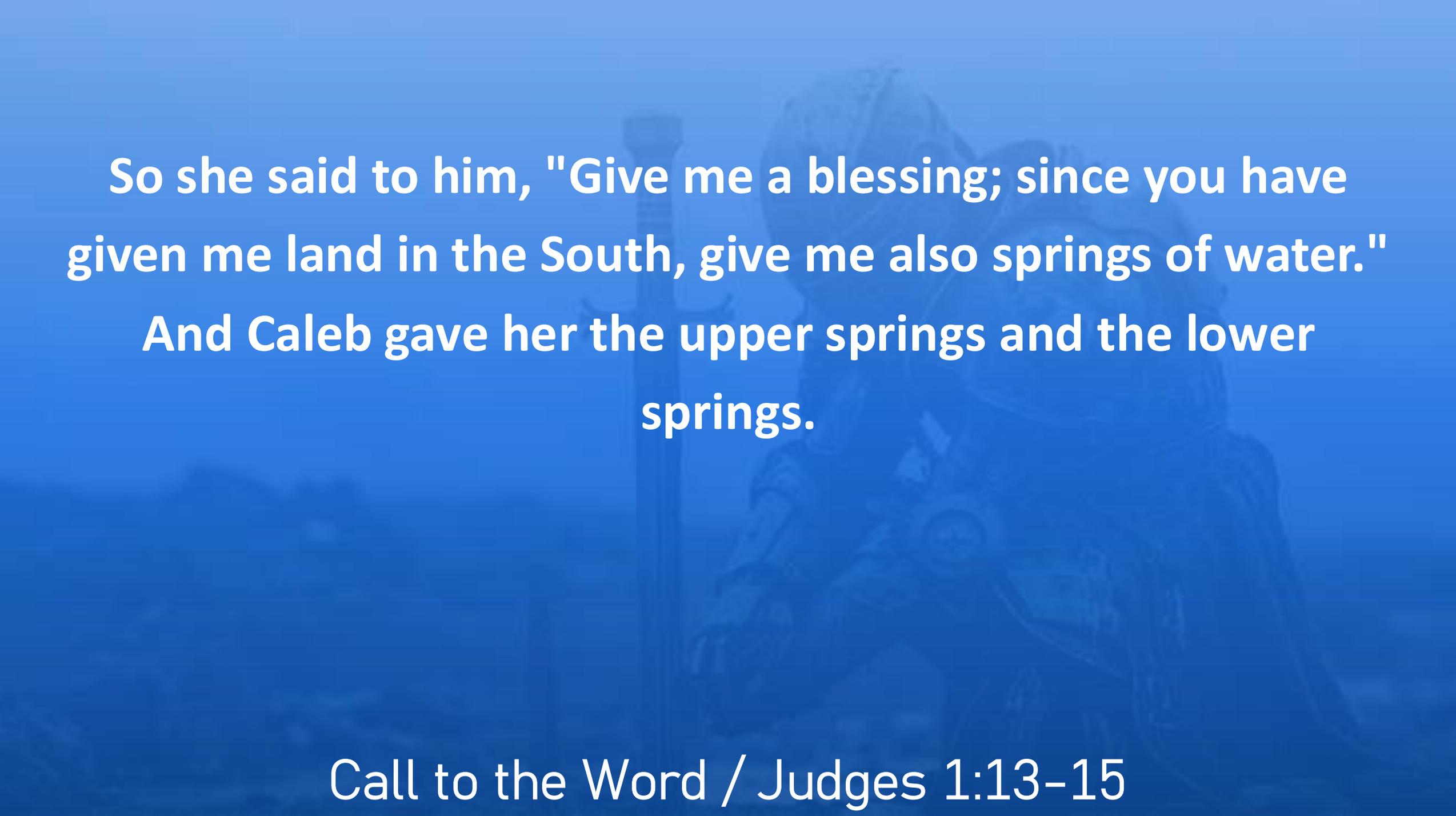
From Victor to Vanquished to Victor



And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it; so he gave him his daughter Achsah as wife.

Now it happened, when she came *to him*, that she urged him to ask her father for a field. And she dismounted from *her donkey*, and Caleb said to her, "What do you wish?"

Call to the Word / Judges 1:13-15



So she said to him, "Give me a blessing; since you have given me land in the South, give me also springs of water."

And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

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The Cycle

1. First, the Israelites are all about serving God.
2. Then, they give in to sin.
3. After that, they end up getting trapped by their sin.
4. Next, they feel really sorry about it.
5. And finally, they get saved from it.

The Cycle

Unlike the Book of Joshua, which is all about stepping into the Promised Land by faith, **the Book of Judges focuses on what it means to really enjoy that land by being faithful.**

Intro / Judges 1:1-15

Dealing with Bands of Resistance

Rom 7:21-25

"In this life, we are not perfect, but we are on a journey to perfection. The goal is not to be perfect now, but to strive for the love of God that perfects us."

(Augustine)

Judges 1:1

So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. (Gal 5:16-17 NLT)

Judges 1:1

Judah = “praise”

2Chron 20

“Give thanks to the Lord, for His love endures forever.”

Praise is like the secret sauce for winning battles.

Judges 1:2



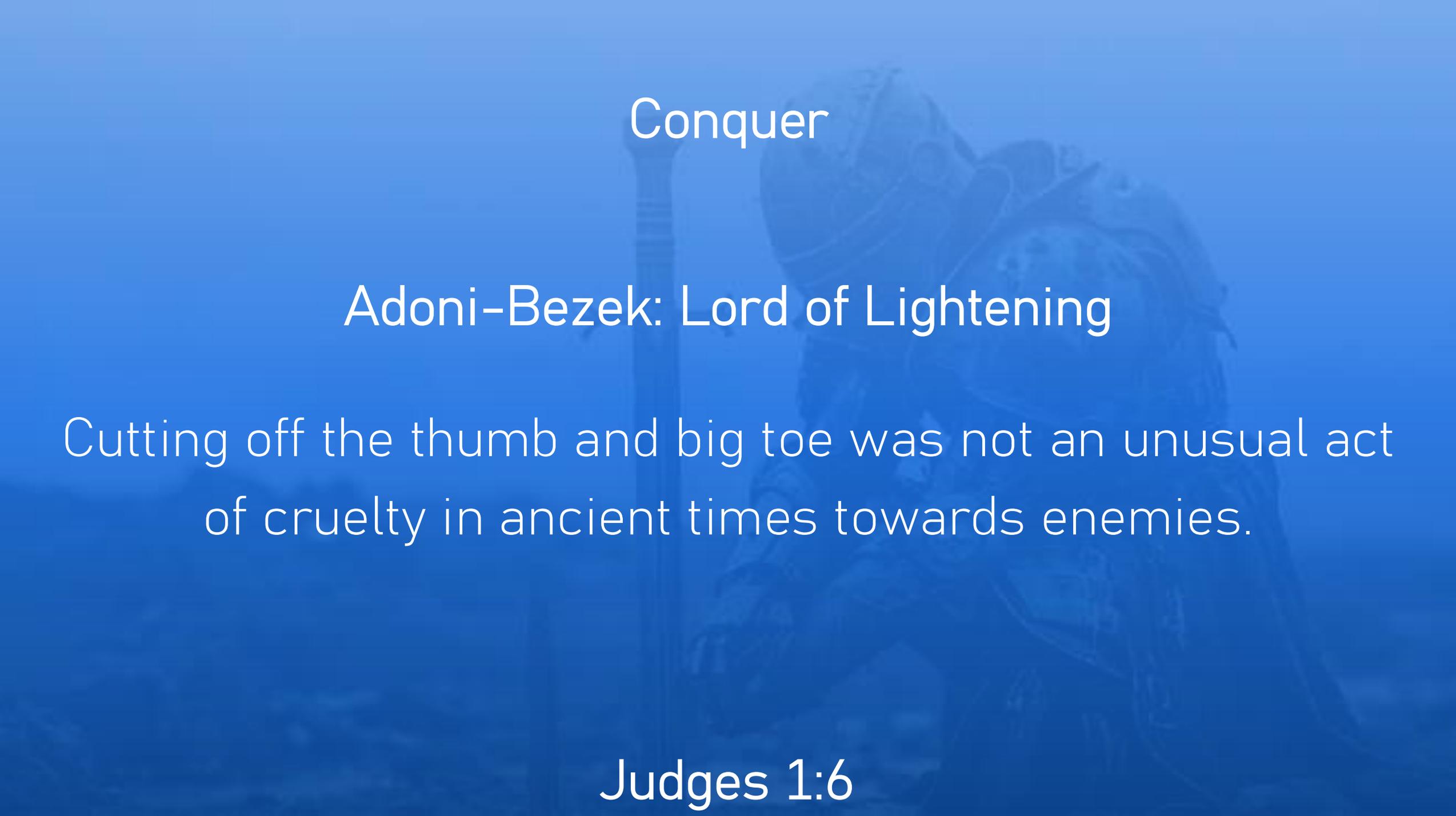
Team Up

Heb 10:24-25

1Th 5:11

Gal 6:2

Judges 1:3



Conquer

Adoni-Bezek: Lord of Lightning

Cutting off the thumb and big toe was not an unusual act of cruelty in ancient times towards enemies.

Judges 1:6

Payback / Justice

Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. (Gal 6:7-8, NLT)

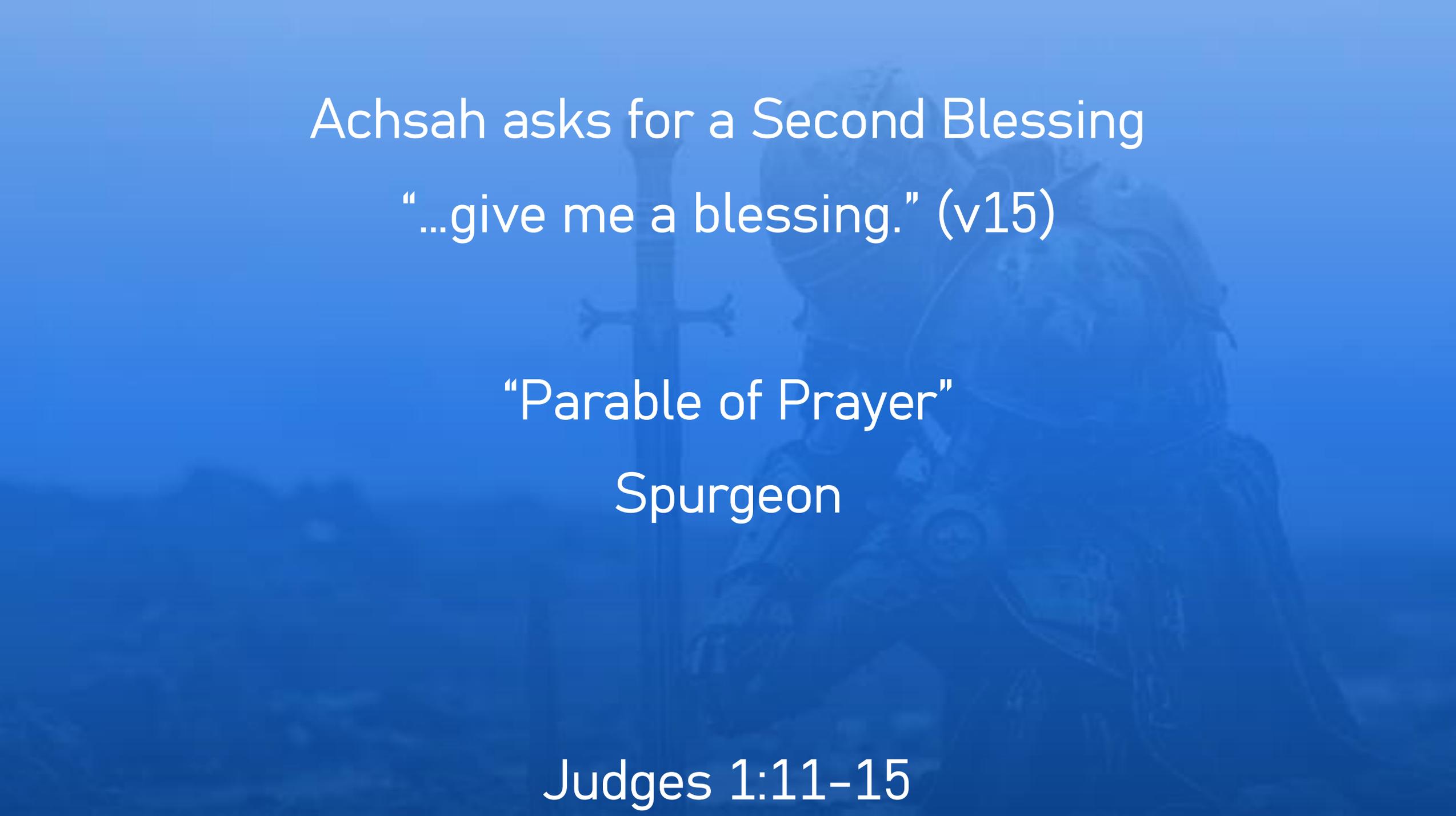
Judges 1:7-8

Campaign Against the Giants

There are three races of giants mentioned in the Bible...
The Nephilim, Anakim, and Rephaim.

King Og of Bathan was the last of the remnant of the giants of the Rephaim. His bed was made of iron and was more than nine cubits long and four cubits wide (that is, about 13 1/2 feet long and 6 feet wide)." Deut 3:11

Judges 1:8-10



Achsah asks for a Second Blessing

“...give me a blessing.” (v15)

“Parable of Prayer”

Spurgeon

Judges 1:11-15

“Think what you are going to ask before you begin to pray, and then pray like businessmen. This woman does not say to her father, ‘Father, listen to me,’ and then utter some pretty little oration about nothing; but she knows what she is going to ask for, and why she is going to ask it.” (Spurgeon)

Judges 1:11-15

Parable of Prayer

Good example because:

It was her father she asked.

Jhn 15:16

She went to him humbly, yet eagerly

1Pet 5:6-7

Judges 1:11-15

Parable of Prayer

She mingled gratitude with petition

Php 4:6-7

Past Blessings Meant Future Good

Ps 77:11-12

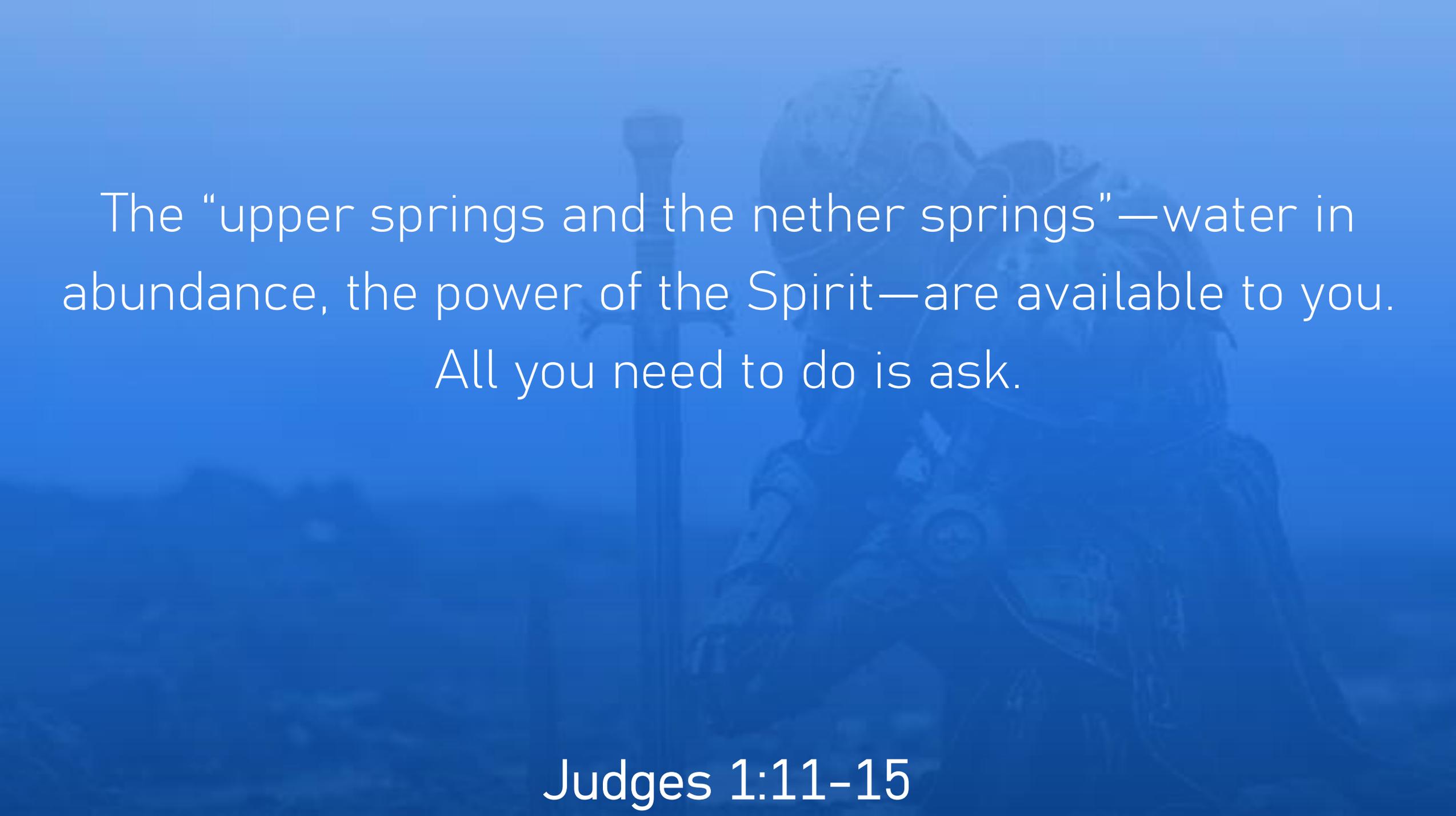
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Parable of Prayer

It was a Genuine Need

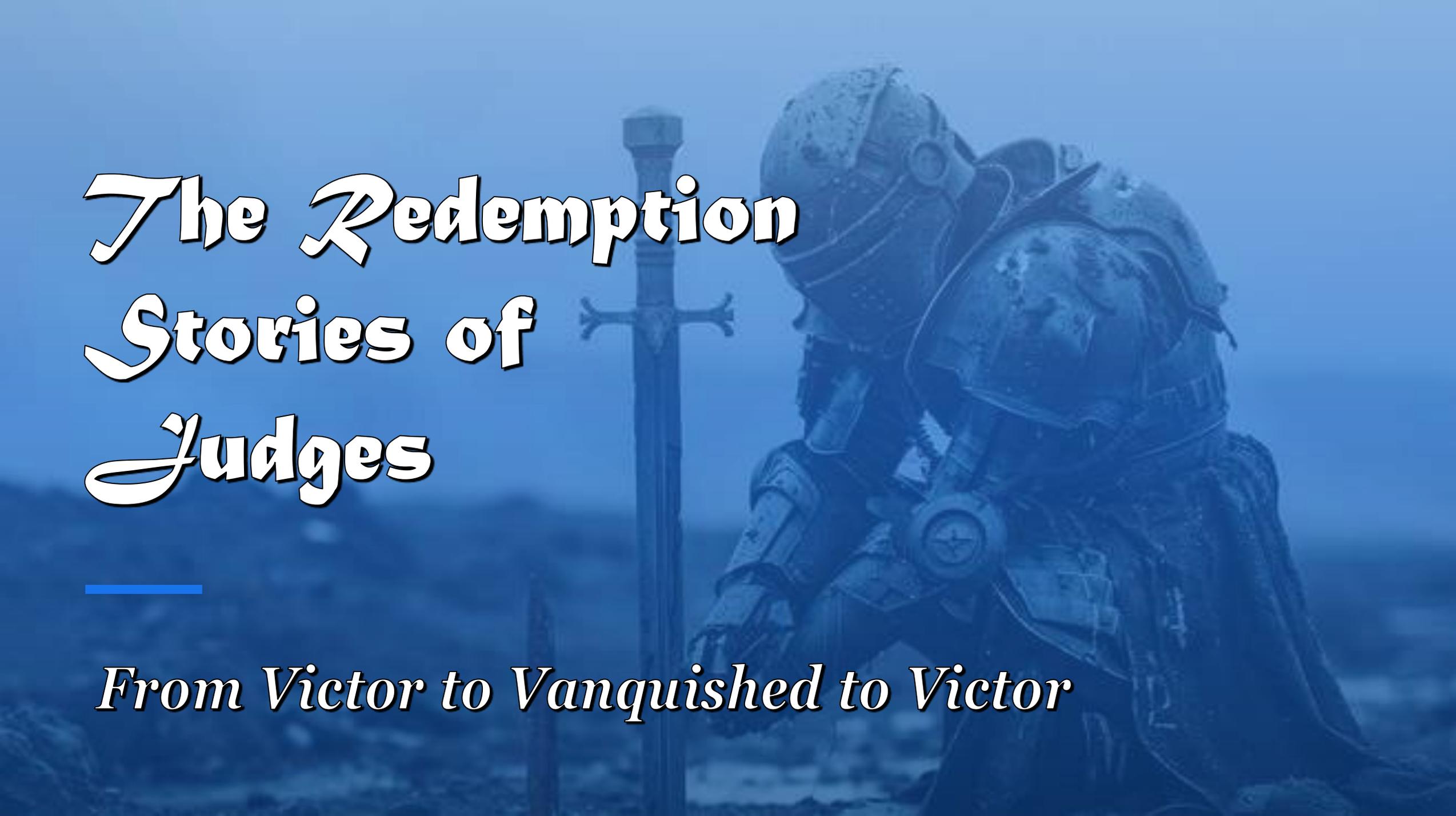
“Give me springs of water, or else my talents shall be a dry and thirsty land, yielding no fruit unto thee. Give me springs of water.” You see, the prayer is not merely for water; but for springs of water. “Give me a perpetual, eternal, ever-flowing fountain. *(Spurgeon)*

Judges 1:11-15



The “upper springs and the nether springs”—water in abundance, the power of the Spirit—are available to you.
All you need to do is ask.

Judges 1:11-15



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