

Preface

I adopted the name "Caleb Huang" when I immigrated to the United States with my family in 1976; it is not my birth name. I recall that back in the 1970s and 80s—with the exception of a few pastors and preachers—even native-born Americans did not know the correct English pronunciation of this name. It was only later that others began adopting the name "Caleb" as well. Around the turn of the millennium—roughly twenty years ago—someone asked online, "Who is Caleb Huang?" Many people speculated, yet no one correctly identified who I actually was. At the time, I felt that since my purpose in writing books and establishing a website was simply to serve the Lord and the saints through a written ministry—with absolutely no intention of seeking personal fame—I would remain silent.

Now, as I approach the age of ninety and am in the twilight of my life, many who know me have urged me to write my memoirs. They suggest recording my experiences and observations in the Lord so that future generations might find in them examples to emulate, warnings to heed, and encouragement. After seeking the Lord's guidance repeatedly, I decided to remain true to my original purpose: to testify to God's grace. Unlike typical autobiographies or memoirs that focus on one's background, worldly experiences, and achievements, my primary aim is to bear witness to God's grace and His leading. I wish to use my own observations and experiences to demonstrate that the Lord in whom I believe is the true and living God (1 Thessalonians 1:9).

Having used the name "Caleb Huang" for over half a century—living the greater part of my life under this name—my memoirs largely reflect what I have seen and gained during this period. I have chosen to structure these memoirs around the content of Psalm 23; consequently, the narrative does not necessarily follow a strict chronological order but rather unfolds according to the verses and themes of that Psalm. However, the overall narrative aligns with my experiences in the Lord; thus, I have divided the account according to the years of my walk with Him: Chapter 1, from salvation to marriage (12 years); Chapter 2, from marriage to immigrating to the United States (10 years); Chapter 3, from settling in the U.S. to parting ways with Witness Lee (12 years); Chapter 4, from leaving Witness Lee to early retirement—having served the Lord while maintaining a secular career throughout (13 years); Chapter 5, from retirement to handing over the website (24 years); and Chapter 6, from handing over the website to resting in the Lord or

meeting Him at His return (an unknown duration).

Just as Caleb in the Bible confronted the three patriarchs of giants in Hebron (Joshua 15:14), I, the little-known Caleb, encountered "three tribes of giants" as opponents manipulated by Satan during three periods (Chapters 3, 4, and 5). If it weren't for God's help and support, and the gift of "another spirit that follows God wholeheartedly" (see Numbers 14:24), I would have been devoured by Satan long ago. Thank the Lord, for He enabled me to "stand firm" and "conquer more than ever" (Romans 14:4; 8:37). [Note: The term "giants" refers to the prestige and influence of certain leaders within the church, far exceeding that of ordinary brothers and sisters. It is beyond my reach.]

Furthermore, this memoir inevitably touches upon certain negative people and events. This is particularly true when recounting experiences such as being "led in paths of righteousness" (v. 3), "walking through the valley of the shadow of death" (v. 4), and having a "table prepared in the presence of enemies" (v. 5). I describe some surprising and shocking figures and incidents. Although most of the individuals involved have passed away, out of consideration for their reputations and descendants—and with the exception of positive figures or the few negative ones whose real names required mention—I have generally replaced the names of negative figures with the initials of their Pinyin romanization; few people know their true identities. Locations are also indicated by English abbreviations. May the Lord's precious blood cover this. It is my sincere hope that future readers will view these negative matters as cautionary lessons rather than as grounds for criticism or judgment, and that this account may contribute to the building up of the church.

Respectfully penned by Caleb Huang, August 2026 (A.D.)