



In chapters 22-24, Joshua:

- 1. Blessed the people
- 2. Urged them to follow the Lord
- 3. Warned of the consequences of disobedience
- 4. Reviewed the Lord's faithfulness to them
- 5. Challenged them to follow Him

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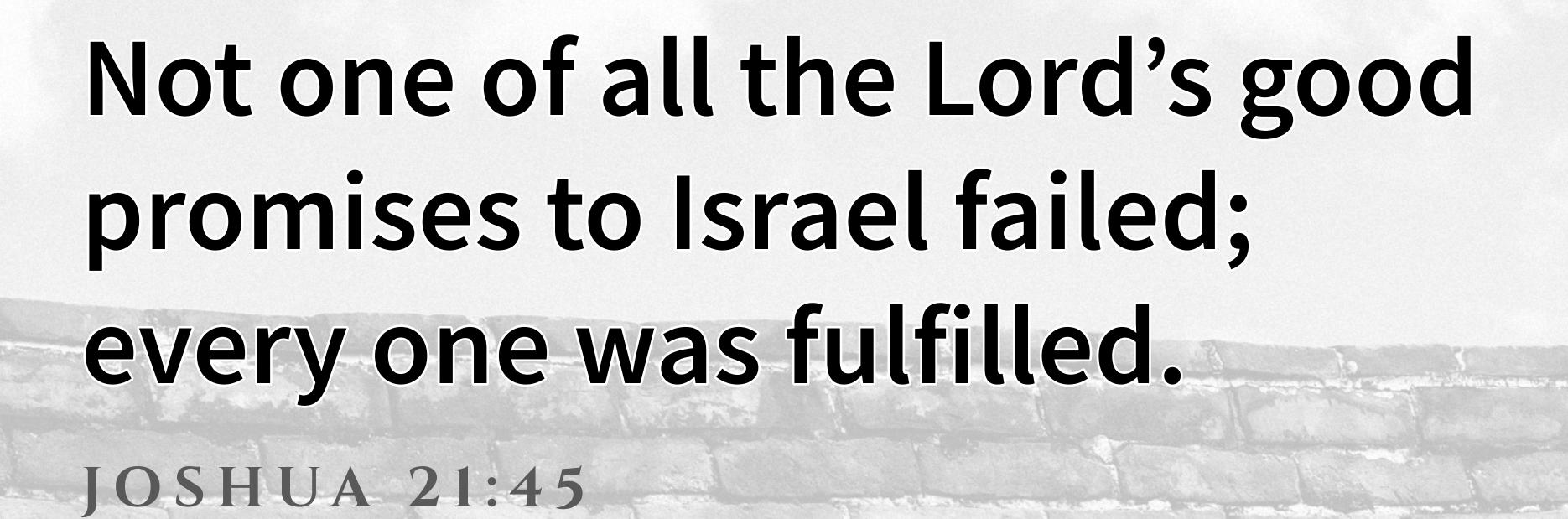
The Lord gives lavishly in His provision. (21:43–45)

So the Lord gave Israel all the land He had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there.

JOSHUA 21:43

The Lord gave them rest on every side, just as He had sworn to their ancestors. Not one of their enemies withstood them; the Lord gave all their enemies into their hands.

JOSHUA 21:44



The Lord expects allegiance from His people. (22:5)

"But be very careful to keep the commandment and the Law that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you: "to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to Him, to keep His commands, to hold fast to Him and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul." JOSHUA 22:5

"The motive for their obedience had to be love for the Lord their God. If they loved Him, then they would delight in walking in all His ways and obeying all His commandments."

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Joshua warns against spiritual syncretism. (23:6–8)

"Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left.

JOSHUA 23:6

"Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them. You must not serve them or bow down to them.

JOSHUA 23:7



JOSHUA 23:8

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14

What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

2 CORINTHIANS 6:15

What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:16

As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be My people." 2 CORINTHIANS 6:16

Therefore, "Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you." 2 CORINTHIANS 6:17

And, "I will be a Father to you, and you will be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

2 CORINTHIANS 6:18

"Obeying God and loving God go together. Do not say you love God if you are not obeying His commands in the Bible. To claim that is hypocrisy.

"If you love God, you will keep His commands. And if you attempt to obey those commands and sincerely walk in God's ways, you will find yourself coming to love God more and more."

JAMES MONTGOMERY BOICE

Joshua leads with personal commitment.

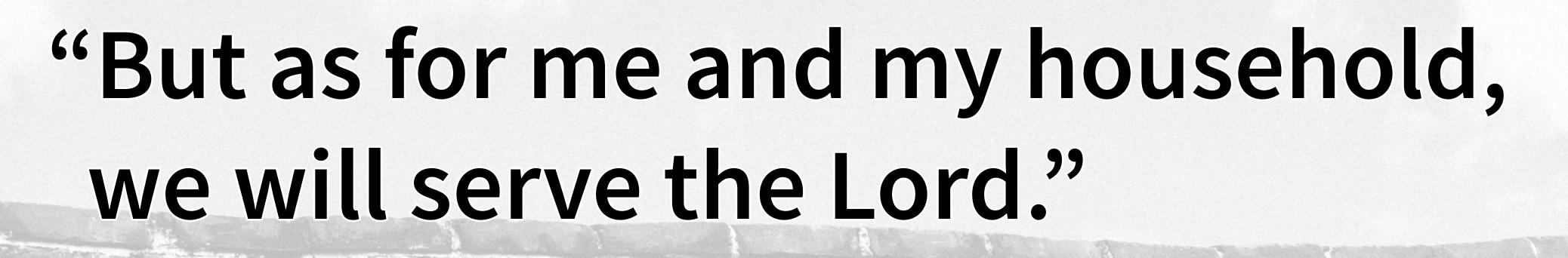
(24:14,15)

"Now fear the Lord and serve Him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshipped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

JOSHUA 24:14

"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve,

"whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living.



JOSHUA 24:15

"Joshua knew that is was easy for the people to promise obedience to the Lord, but it was quite something else for them to actually do it.

"His stern words were meant to curb their overconfidence and make them look honestly into their own hearts."

WARREN WIERSBE

"If the Jews didn't worship the true God, they would end up worshipping the false gods of the wicked nations in Canaan. They couldn't do both."

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Highlights from Joshua

God is the Creator of all the earth.

He is sovereign.

God is the Lord of His people.

He is personal.

God keeps His promises.

He is dependable.

God is not apathetic toward sin.

He is holy.

God expects obedience from His people.

He is jealous.

God's plans never fail.

He is victorious.

God's ways are always for our good.

He is trustworthy.

"All three aspects of God's promise to the patriarchs are, at least in part, fulfilled: Israel has become a great nation; it stands in blessed relationship to the Lord; and it has a land of its own."

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All our blessings come from God. God is faithful to His people, to His promises, and to His glory.