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There is no unearned promise from God:

The Book of Joshua (Chapter 18)

18:6 And ye shall divide the land into seven parts, and make it clear that ye shall bring it to me, and I shall cast lots for you before the God of Jehohua.

God's promise is a beautiful promise, but it doesn't mean getting something for nothing. Many people misunderstand God's promises and think that they can get everything by faith, but this is missing a crucial part of it.

God's promises often require our efforts and dedication. They are an inspiration that inspires us to become better people and to understand ourselves and the world more deeply. For example, when God promises us happiness or success, it doesn't mean that it will come just by waiting, but rather that we take action, work hard, and persevere.

God's promises are also intimately linked to faith and hope. They encourage us to remain steadfast in the face of adversity and to continue to work in the face of challenges. But this is not to say that everything will go well, but to deal with adversity through faith and perseverance.

Most importantly, God's promises are inspiring, and they give us strength, hope, and confidence to find meaning and direction in our journey through life. However, fulfilling these promises requires our participation and efforts, not relying solely on God's intervention.

Therefore, God's promise is a guide and an incentive that requires our active participation and effort to achieve the good in it.

There are many references in the Bible that God wants us to work and to perfect us through these works. Here are some of these chapters:

Ephesians 2:10: This passage says that we are created by God and created to His work in Christ Jesus, and in Christ God has prepared good things for us to do.

James 2:17: This passage emphasizes the connection between faith and works by pointing out that faith is dead without works. Therefore, our faith must be revealed by moving.

Psalms 90:17: In this verse, God is called upon to make the work of our hands firm up the work of our hands.

Colossians 3:23-24: This part of the Bible speaks of doing whatever we do, do it with our hearts, as for the Lord, not for men. For we know that from the Lord we will receive an inheritance as a reward. This motivates us to do everything with a wholehearted attitude.

These verses emphasize the connection between faith and action and encourage us to face challenges at work and in life with a wholehearted, honest effort.

Christianity teaches us that we should first try to do what we can in life, and on that basis wait for God's intervention and completion. This attitude includes both positive action and trust in God's plan.

First, Christians are taught to seek to do what is right, to do what we can, according to the teachings of the Bible and the guidance of our conscience. This may include love and kindness, the practice of justice and benevolence, and striving for truth and wisdom.

At the same time, Christians are taught to trust in God's plan and timing. This means acknowledging that there are things that are beyond our control and capabilities, even if we try our best. At this point, our role is to commit the outcome to God, trusting that He has the best plan and plan.

This attitude reflects trust in God and awareness of one's own limited abilities. Christians don't just wait blindly, but act positively, letting go of anxiety about the outcome and trusting that God will do His work at the right time and in the right way.

In other words, Christians embrace the belief that we strive to do what we are supposed to do and that we trust in waiting that God will do the rest in His way and time. This combination of trust and positive action gives us more strength and direction in our lives, as well as a greater appreciation of God's grace and guidance.

Let's pray together:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us this life and faith. Give us the strength and wisdom to know Your will and to walk in the path You have ordained with all our hearts.

I ask You to give us the confidence to do what we are supposed to do in our lives. May we demonstrate Your love and grace at work, at home, and in our communities.

But I also ask You to give us wisdom and humility so that we can be obedient to Your will and seek Your guidance in all things. As we work hard, ask You to work out Your plans and goodness in things that are beyond our control.

Please give us peace and joy so that we can feel Your presence and comfort even in the midst of difficulties and challenges. Let our lives be a testimony of Your glory and a blessing in the lives of others.

Thank you for hearing our prayers and may everything be done according to Your good intentions. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Joshua chapter 18

Jo. 18:1 The whole assembly of the Israelites gathered at Shiloh and set up the Tent of Meeting there. The country was brought under their control,

Jo. 18:2 but there were still seven Israelite tribes who had not yet received their inheritance.

Jo. 18:3 So Joshua said to the Israelites: “How long will you wait before you begin to take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you?”

Jo. 18:4 Appoint three men from each tribe. I will send them out to make a survey of the land and to write a description of it, according to the inheritance of each. Then they will return to me.

Jo. 18:5 You are to divide the land into seven parts. Judah is to remain in its territory on the south and the house of Joseph in its territory on the north.

Jo. 18:6 After you have written descriptions of the seven parts of the land, bring them here to me and I will cast lots for you in the presence of the LORD our God.

Jo. 18:7 The Levites, however, do not get a portion among you, because the priestly service of the LORD is their inheritance. And Gad, Reuben and the half-tribe of Manasseh have already received their inheritance on the east side of the Jordan. Moses the servant of the LORD gave it to them.” Jo. 18:8 As the men started on their way to map out the land, Joshua instructed them, “Go and make a survey of the land and write a description of it. Then return to me, and I will cast lots for you here at Shiloh in the presence of the LORD.”

Jo. 18:9 So the men left and went through the land. They wrote its description on a scroll, town by town, in seven parts, and returned to Joshua in the camp at Shiloh.

Jo. 18:10 Joshua then cast lots for them in Shiloh in the presence of the LORD, and there he distributed the land to the Israelites according to their tribal divisions.

Jo. 18:11 The lot came up for the tribe of Benjamin, clan by clan. Their allotted territory lay between the tribes of Judah and Joseph: Jo. 18:12 On the north side their boundary began at the Jordan, passed the northern slope of Jericho and headed west into the hill country, coming out at the desert of Beth Aven.

Jo. 18:13 From there it crossed to the south slope of Luz (that is, Bethel) and went down to Ataroth Addar on the hill south of Lower Beth Horon.

Jo. 18:14 From the hill facing Beth Horon on the south the boundary turned south along the western side and came out at Kiriath Baal (that is, Kiriath Jearim), a town of the people of Judah.

This was the western side.

Jo. 18:15 The southern side began at the outskirts of Kiriath Jearim on the west, and the boundary came out at the spring of the waters of Nephtoah.

Jo. 18:16 The boundary went down to the foot of the hill facing the Valley of Ben Hinnom, north of the Valley of Rephaim. It continued down the Hinnom Valley along the southern slope of the Jebusite city and so to En Rogel.

Jo. 18:17 It then curved north, went to En Shemesh, continued to Geliloth, which faces the Pass of Adummim, and ran down to the Stone of Bohan son of Reuben.

Jo. 18:18 It continued to the northern slope of Beth Arabah and on down into the Arabah.

Jo. 18:19 It then went to the northern slope of Beth Hoglah and came out at the northern bay of the Salt Sea, at the mouth of the Jordan in the south. This was the southern boundary.

Jo. 18:20 The Jordan formed the boundary on the eastern side. These were the boundaries that marked out the inheritance of the clans of Benjamin on all sides.

Jo. 18:21 The tribe of Benjamin, clan by clan, had the following cities:

Jericho, Beth Hoglah, Emek Keziz,

Jo. 18:22 Beth Arabah, Zemaraim, Bethel,

Jo. 18:23 Avvim, Parah, Ophrah,

Jo. 18:24 Kephrah Ammoni, Ophni and Geba — twelve towns and their villages.

Jo. 18:25 Gibeon, Ramah, Beeroh,

Jo. 18:26 Mizpah, Kephrah, Mozah,

Jo. 18:27 Rekem, Irpeel, Taralah,

Jo. 18:28 Zelah, Haeleph, the Jebusite city (that is, Jerusalem), Gibeah and Kiriath — fourteen towns and their villages. This was the inheritance of Benjamin for its clans.

Chapter 18 begins with the setting up of the tabernacle at Shiloh, which had been designated as the center of worship for the Israelites. The chapter then focuses on the allocation of land to the remaining seven tribes of Israel who had not yet received their inheritance.

Joshua gathers representatives from each tribe and instructs them to send out three men to survey the remaining land and to divide it into seven portions. The men are then to bring their report back to Joshua, who will cast lots to determine the inheritance of each tribe. The men set out to survey the land and eventually return to Joshua with their report. Based on their report, Joshua divides the land into seven portions and casts lots to determine the inheritance of each tribe.

The chapter concludes with the allocation of the land to the remaining seven tribes. However, the tribe of Benjamin received a smaller portion than the other tribes, as the city of Jerusalem was located within their territory and had not yet been conquered. The chapter emphasizes the importance of obedience to God's commands and the need for the Israelites to complete the task of conquering the land and taking possession of their inheritance. It also highlights the role of leadership in guiding and directing the people towards their goals, as Joshua takes charge in allocating the land to the remaining tribes.

Overall, Chapter 18 serves as a reminder of the Israelites' mission to conquer and settle the land, and the need for them to remain obedient to God's commands and follow the leadership of Joshua in order to succeed.

Joshua chapter 18 describes the allocation of land to the remaining seven tribes of Israel.

Here are some important verses from this chapter in the Christian Bible:

1. "The whole assembly of the Israelites gathered at Shiloh and set up the tent of meeting there. The country was brought under their control, and there remained seven Israelite tribes who had not yet received their inheritance." (Joshua 18:1)
2. "So Joshua said to the Israelites: 'How long will you wait before you begin to take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has given you?'" (Joshua 18:3)
3. "But the Levites have no portion among you, because the priesthood of the Lord is their inheritance. And Gad, Reuben and the half-tribe of Manasseh have already received their inheritance on the east side of the Jordan. Moses the servant of the Lord gave it to them." (Joshua 18:7)

These verses highlight the importance of taking possession of the land that the Lord had promised to the Israelites. Joshua urges the remaining seven tribes to begin the process of claiming their inheritance, and emphasizes the role of the Levites as priests who would not receive a portion of the land. Additionally, the mention of the tribes that had already received their inheritance on the east side of the Jordan underscores the complexity of the division of the land and the need for clear boundaries and allocations. Overall, this chapter emphasizes the

importance of following the Lord's commands and taking action to claim the blessings that He has promised.

In Joshua chapter 18, we encounter the account of the remaining tribes of Israel coming together to cast lots for the allocation of their inheritances. This chapter provides us with insights into the importance of taking responsibility, the need for unity and collaboration, and the reminder of God's guidance in the process of decision-making.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the importance of taking responsibility. The tribes of Israel had entered the Promised Land, but some had not yet received their allotted inheritance. Joshua instructs them to appoint men from each tribe to survey the land and divide it into seven portions. This highlights the responsibility of the Israelites to actively participate in the process of receiving their inheritance. It serves as a reminder that we, too, have a role to play in seeking and stewarding the blessings and promises of God in our lives. It prompts us to take responsibility for our spiritual growth, actively seek God's will, and participate in His plans for us.

The chapter also emphasizes the need for unity and collaboration. The appointed men go throughout the land and provide a detailed description of its boundaries. The information is recorded and presented to Joshua, who casts lots to determine the allocation of the land to each tribe. This highlights the importance of unity and collaboration among God's people in making decisions and carrying out His plans. It reminds us that we are part of a larger community of believers and that our actions and decisions can impact others. It encourages us to work together, seek counsel, and value the input and perspectives of others as we navigate our own journeys of faith.

Furthermore, the chapter serves as a reminder of God's guidance in the process of decision-making. The casting of lots was a method used to seek God's direction and make decisions in ancient times. The outcome of the lots was believed to be determined by God. This reminds us of the importance of seeking God's guidance and wisdom in our own decision-making processes. It encourages us to seek His will through prayer, Scripture, and seeking wise counsel, trusting that He will guide us and provide clarity as we make choices in alignment with His purposes.

In reflection, Joshua chapter 18 teaches us several important lessons. It prompts us to take responsibility for our spiritual growth and participation in God's plans for our lives. It encourages us to value unity and collaboration, recognizing the strength and wisdom that comes from working together as a community of believers. It also reminds us to seek God's guidance and wisdom in our decision-making processes, trusting in His direction and providence.

Moreover, the chapter challenges us to examine our own attitudes towards responsibility and collaboration. It prompts us to actively seek and steward the blessings and promises of God, while also valuing the input and perspectives of others in our decision-making.

Overall, Joshua chapter 18 teaches us about taking responsibility, the need for unity and collaboration, and the reminder of God's guidance in decision-making. By reflecting on these lessons, we can embrace our role in seeking and stewarding God's blessings, value the community of believers, and seek God's guidance and wisdom as we make decisions aligned with His purposes..