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Jehovah has promised a blessing, and not a word has been disappointed

The Book of the Joshua (Chapter 21)

21:45 And not a word of Jehohua's promise of blessing to Israel came to pass.

This passage in the book of Joshua emphasizes the fulfillment of God's promises to the house of Israel. It represents the steadfastness of faith and God's faithfulness to His people. This phrase conveys a message of hope and faith, showing the contractual relationship between God and man.

This passage can provoke reflection on faith and commitment. In life, we may have made our own promises and expectations, but sometimes these may not be fulfilled. However, God's promise is infallible. This verse reminds us that while things around us may change, fail, or fail, God's promise is unwavering.

It also teaches us to trust and rely on God's Word. No matter what challenges or difficulties we encounter in our lives, this verse is a reminder that God's Word is true and faithful, and that His promises will be fulfilled. This confidence can sustain us through life's difficult times and give us hope and comfort.

This verse also encourages us to examine our commitments and promises. Although humanity may not be able to fully keep its promises, we can learn how Xi can get closer to God's faithfulness and trust in us. It reminds us to take our commitments seriously, and to treat the promises of others with trust and tolerance.

This passage is not only a confirmation of the promises made by the house of Israel, but also a reflection on our faith and commitment in life, as well as a call to God's faithfulness and love. There are many verses in the Bible about God's promised blessings, and these verses cover a variety of aspects, from individual blessings to the promises of entire nations. Here are some

verses about God's promised blessings, which include blessings for individuals, families, and entire nations:

Deuteronomy 28:1-14 - This passage details that if people obey God's Word, He will bless everything where they are, whether in the fields, cities, work, or homes.

Psalm 67:1-7 - This passage expresses how God wants His mercy to shine among the world, to bless them, and to make His ways known throughout the earth.

Isaiah 30:18 - This passage mentions that God is a God who waits on the people, is willing to have mercy on them, bless them, and extend grace to them when they turn to Him.

James 1:12 - This passage encourages those who endure trials because they will receive the crown of life promised by the Lord after enduring them.

These verses not only emphasize God's promises to mankind, but also reveal how God views those who obey Him and seek His grace. These promises are not only material, but also spiritually blessed and blessed.

Christians may consider the following aspects in their pursuit of God's blessings:

**Faith and obedience:** Faith is the foundation of the Christian life. Following God's Word and obeying His will is the key to God's pleasure and blessings. This includes studying, understanding, and following the Bible, as well as seeking and obeying God's will in our daily lives.

**Prayer and Drawing Close to God:** Regular prayer is an important way to build a relationship with God, express gratitude, and ask for His help. Continually seeking closeness to God, through prayer, silence, and meditation on God's Word, helps to receive His blessings and guidance.

**Charity and forgiveness:** Christianity emphasizes love and forgiveness. Living a loving and forgiving lifestyle is an expression of the Christian's acceptance and response to God's grace. This attitude can help you to better receive God's blessings.

**Cultivate humility and kindness:** The qualities of humility, gentleness, and kindness are what the Bible emphasizes. People with these qualities tend to be more likely to be blessed by God.

**Repentance after making mistakes:** Repentance is key when Christians realize that they have made mistakes or gone against God's will. Repentance means sincerely confessing one's mistakes and seeking God's forgiveness and restoration.

**Serving and Helping Others:** Christianity encourages doing good for others, serving and supporting one another. Caring for and helping others through love and generosity is not only a response to God's love, but also a blessing from Him.

**Reverence and Worship:** Reverence for God and His holy name is an important part of the Christian life. Expressing love and respect for God through worship and reverence can help to receive His blessings and grace.

These actions and attitudes are not intended to earn God's love or blessings, but are based on trust in God and a response to His grace. Christians believe that God's blessings are unredeemable or earned from human deeds by His grace and love. However, these behaviors and attitudes can help them draw closer to God and experience His grace and blessings.

We pray

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for bringing us life, grace, and promises. Today we gather in Your presence to express gratitude for Your commitment.

Thank You for being faithful. Your words are true and reliable, and your promises have never been fulfilled. We thank You for the abundance of grace, love, and redemption that you have prepared for us.

Give us a keen heart to better appreciate Your grace and the wonders You have done in our lives. Help us to remember Your Word day in and day out to be a guide and wisdom in our lives.

Let our gratitude not only stay in words, but also in our actions. May we be able to respond to Your grace with love, forgiveness, and generosity. Give us the strength and wisdom to share Your love and kindness and be a blessing in the lives of others.

Thank You for the strength that is manifested in our weakness. Continue to work miracles in our lives and glorify Your name.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

## Joshua chapter 21

Jo. 21:1 Now the family heads of the Levites approached Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun, and the heads of the other tribal families of Israel

Jo. 21:2 at Shiloh in Canaan and said to them, “The LORD commanded through Moses that you give us towns to live in, with pasture-lands for our livestock.”

Jo. 21:3 So, as the LORD had commanded, the Israelites gave the Levites the following towns and pasture-lands out of their own inheritance:

Jo. 21:4 The first lot came out for the Kohathites, clan by clan. The

Levites who were descendants of Aaron the priest were allotted thirteen towns from the tribes of Judah, Simeon and Benjamin.

Jo. 21:5 The rest of Kohath’s descendants were allotted ten towns

from the clans of the tribes of Ephraim, Dan and half of Manasseh.

Jo. 21:6 The descendants of Gershon were allotted thirteen towns from the clans of the tribes of Issachar, Asher, Naphtali and the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan.

Jo. 21:7 The descendants of Merari, clan by clan, received twelve towns from the tribes of Reuben, Gad and Zebulun.

Jo. 21:8 So the Israelites allotted to the Levites these towns and their pasture-lands, as the LORD had commanded through Moses. Jo. 21:9 From the tribes of Judah and Simeon they allotted the following towns by name

Jo. 21:10 (these towns were assigned to the descendants of Aaron who were from the Kohathite clans of the Levites, because the first lot fell to them):

Jo. 21:11 They gave them Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron), with its surrounding pasture-land, in the hill country of Judah. (Arba was the forefather of Anak.)

Jo. 21:12 But the fields and villages around the city they had given to Caleb son of Jephunneh as his possession.

Jo. 21:13 So to the descendants of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron  
(a city of refuge for one accused of murder), Libnah,

Jo. 21:14 Jattir, Eshtemoa,

Jo. 21:15 Holon, Debir,

Jo. 21:16 Ain, Juttah and Beth Shemesh, together with their pasture lands — nine towns from these two tribes.

Jo. 21:17 And from the tribe of Benjamin they gave them Gibeon, Geba,

Jo. 21:18 Anathoth and Almon, together with their pasture-lands — four towns.

Jo. 21:19 All the towns for the priests, the descendants of Aaron, were thirteen, together with their pasture-lands.

Jo. 21:20 The rest of the Kohathite clans of the Levites were allotted towns from the tribe of Ephraim:

Jo. 21:21 In the hill country of Ephraim they were given Shechem (a city of refuge for one accused of murder) and Gezer,

Jo. 21:22 Kibzaim and Beth Horon, together with their pasture-lands — four towns.

Jo. 21:23 Also from the tribe of Dan they received Eltekeh, Gibbethon, Jo. 21:24 Aijalon and Gath Rimmon, together with their pasture-lands — four towns.

Jo. 21:25 From half the tribe of Manasseh they received Taanach and Gath Rimmon, together with their pasture-lands — two towns.

Jo. 21:26 All these ten towns and their pasture-lands were given to the  
rest of the Kohathite clans.

Jo. 21:27 The Levite clans of the Gershonites were given: from the half-tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan (a city of refuge for one accused of murder) and Be Eshtarah, together with their pasture-lands — two towns;

Jo. 21:28 from the tribe of Issachar, Kishion, Daberath,

Jo. 21:29 Jarmuth and En Gannim, together with their pasture-lands — four towns;

Jo. 21:30 from the tribe of Asher, Mishal, Abdon,

Jo. 21:31 Helkath and Rehob, together with their pasture-lands — four towns;

Jo. 21:32 from the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee (a city of refuge

for one accused of murder), Hammoth Dor and Kartan, together with their pasture-lands — three towns.

Jo. 21:33 All the towns of the Gershonite clans were thirteen, together with their pasture-lands.

Jo. 21:34 The Merarite clans (the rest of the Levites) were given: from the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam, Kartah,

Jo. 21:35 Dimnah and Nahalal, together with their pasture-lands — four towns;

Jo. 21:36 from the tribe of Reuben, Bezer, Jahaz,

Jo. 21:37 Kedemoth and Mephaath, together with their pasture-lands

— four towns;

Jo. 21:38 from the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead (a city of refuge for one accused of murder), Mahanaim,

Jo. 21:39 Heshbon and Jazer, together with their pasture-lands — four towns in all.

Jo. 21:40 All the towns allotted to the Merarite clans, who were the rest of the Levites, were twelve.

Jo. 21:41 The towns of the Levites in the territory held by the Israelites were forty-eight in all, together with their pasture-lands. Jo. 21:42 Each of these towns had pasture-lands surrounding it; this was true for all these towns.

Jo. 21:43 So the LORD gave Israel all the land he had sworn to give their forefathers, and they took possession of it and settled there.

Jo. 21:44 The LORD gave them rest on every side, just as he had sworn to their forefathers. Not one of their enemies withstood them; the LORD handed all their enemies over to them.

Jo. 21:45 Not one of all the LORD's good promises to the house of Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.

Chapter 21 describes the allocation of cities to the Levites, who were the priestly tribe of Israel. The Levites did not receive a specific territory like the other tribes did, but were given 48 cities scattered throughout the territories of the other tribes.

The chapter describes how the Levites were given cities from the territories of Judah, Simeon, Benjamin, Ephraim, Dan, and Manasseh. These cities were given to the Levites so that they could live among the other tribes and serve as teachers of the Law and leaders of worship.

The chapter also emphasizes the importance of God's faithfulness and the fulfillment of his promises to the Israelites. It highlights the fact that God had given the Israelites the land they now inhabited, and that he had provided for the Levites as well.

Overall, Chapter 21 reinforces the importance of obedience to God's commands and the fulfillment of his promises. It also underscores the importance of the Levites in serving as leaders and teachers within the community, and the significance of their role in preserving the Law and leading worship.

Here are some important verses from Joshua chapter 21 in the Christian Bible:

1. "So the Lord gave Israel all the land he had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there. 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 21:43-44)

2. "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. Not one of all the Lord's good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled." (Joshua 21:45)

These verses describe how God fulfilled his promise to give the Israelites the land he had sworn to give to their ancestors. The Israelites settled in the land and the Lord gave them rest from their enemies, fulfilling his promises to them. These verses emphasize the importance of trusting in God's promises and faithfulness, and how he always fulfills his word.

In Joshua chapter 21, we encounter the account of the allocation of cities to the Levites, the priestly tribe of Israel. This chapter provides us with insights into the concepts of provision, gratitude, and the importance of fulfilling God's purposes.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the concept of provision. The Levites, being set apart for service to God, did not receive a specific portion of land like the other tribes of Israel. Instead, they were allocated cities throughout the territory of the other tribes. These cities provided them with homes and means of sustenance. This highlights God's provision for His chosen servants and the importance of taking care of those who are dedicated to His service. It reminds us that God is faithful to provide for the needs of His people, and He uses others to be His instruments of provision.

The chapter also emphasizes the importance of gratitude. The Levites, upon receiving their cities, were grateful for God's provision. They recognized that it was God who had blessed them with their inheritance and acknowledged His faithfulness. This prompts us to cultivate a spirit of

gratitude in our own lives, acknowledging God's provision and blessings, and expressing thankfulness for His faithfulness. It encourages us to recognize that everything we have comes from God, and it is our responsibility to be grateful stewards of His blessings.

Furthermore, the chapter highlights the importance of fulfilling God's purposes. The allocation of cities to the Levites was in accordance with God's command to set them apart for service in the sanctuary and the responsibilities of worship. By receiving these cities, the Levites were able to carry out their duties and fulfill the purpose for which they were set apart. This reminds us that each of us has a unique purpose and calling in God's kingdom, and it is essential to fulfill that purpose with diligence and obedience. It encourages us to seek God's guidance and to faithfully serve Him in the roles and responsibilities He has assigned to us.

In reflection, Joshua chapter 21 teaches us several important lessons. It reminds us of God's provision for His people and the importance of recognizing and being grateful for His blessings. It encourages us to be instruments of provision and care for those dedicated to God's service. It also prompts us to consider our own purpose and calling, striving to fulfill God's purposes in our lives with obedience and dedication.

Moreover, the chapter challenges us to examine our own attitudes towards provision and gratitude. It prompts us to cultivate a spirit of gratitude, acknowledging God's faithfulness and provision in our lives. It also encourages us to support and care for those who are dedicated to serving God in various capacities.

Overall, Joshua chapter 21 teaches us about provision, gratitude, and fulfilling God's purposes. By reflecting on these lessons, we can recognize God's provision in our lives, cultivate gratitude, and faithfully pursue His purposes for us.