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Miracles are no big or small

The Book of Joshua (Chapter 11)

11:4 These kings and their armies were all out, and they were as numerous as the sands of the sea. and there were many horses and wagons.

11:6 And Jehohua said unto Joshua, Thou shalt not be afraid of them. Tomorrow here and earth I will deliver them to the Israelites for total slew ...

11:8 Yahweh gave them into the hands of the Israelis... Kill them and leave not one left.

Miracles, big or small, shine in life in all their forms. Maybe it's a miracle of the earth, like the eruption of a volcano or the appearance of a rainbow, or maybe it's a tiny miracle, like a blooming flower or a peculiar insect. These miracles are not judged by their scale or grandeur, but by the emotion and shock they bring.

In everyday life, miracles can be hidden in subtleties: an unexpected encounter, an inspirational story, or even a motivating word. These small miracles can change our attitudes, ignite a fire in our hearts, and give hope and courage.

Perhaps, the real miracle lies in the connection and love between people. Reaching out to others when they need it most, giving selfless support and love, this act of kindness and kindness is magical in itself, without the need for a flamboyant appearance or amazing strength.

Therefore, the true value of miracles lies in the meaning they bring, they transcend the limitations of size and appearance, touch people's hearts, and inspire us to discover every beautiful moment in life.

The Bible records many miracles that transcend the laws of nature and demonstrate God's power and interaction with humanity. Some of these famous miracles include:

Moses parted the Red Sea (Exodus 14): When the Israelites fled Egypt, Moses stretched out his staff, and God split the Red Sea in two, allowing the Israelites to cross the ocean floor and safely escape the pursuing Egyptian army.

Jesus Walks on the Water (Matthew 14): Jesus' walking on the surface of the water in the midst of storms and waves showed His mastery of the elements of nature and gave His disciples a glimpse of the power of miracles.

The Resurrection of Jesus (John 11): Jesus' resurrection of Lazarus from the dead is one of the most symbolic miracles in the Bible, demonstrating God's absolute power and control over life.

Jesus Healing (Matthew 9): Jesus' miracles of healing cover many aspects, including healing the blind, the paralyzed, the leper, and so on, demonstrating God's healing power.

These miracles are seen as manifestations of God that are used to strengthen faith, prove God's existence, and confirm His power. They are not only events in biblical stories, but also important elements that teach and enlighten people's faith.

For Christians, determining what miracles are in everyday life is a matter of deep faith and personal experience. Often, Christians view miracles as God's intervention or supernatural manifestations of God's presence and His interaction with the world. Determining whether something is a miracle or not can involve the following:

Faith-related experiences: People may experience miracles through prayer, devotional, scripture reading, or experiences in church meetings. This may be a clear answer to prayer or an extraordinary situation that arises in the life of faith.

Change & Transformation: When something changes people's lives, mindsets, or health, they may see it as a miracle. This could include the recovery of health, the repair of relationships, or receiving unexpected help in difficult situations.

Events beyond the laws of nature: The occurrence of events that fall outside the laws of nature, such as medically inexplicable cures, averted dangers, etc., are considered signs of miracles.

Personal Testimonies and Sharing: Sometimes, people share stories of their experiences through which they express God's work and intervention. For others, it may be a way to recognize miracles.

Christians often share these experiences in faith communities, discuss them, and seek the insights of others to determine whether something is considered a miracle or not. However, the understanding and perception of miracles is also personal, and each person may experience and recognize miracles differently. Therefore, how to determine what is a miracle in daily life is also a manifestation of one's beliefs and the relationship between God and the individual.

We pray

May our prayers cover all Christians and give thanks to the Lord for the miracles and miracles He performs in our lives every day. Thank God for the grace and power He has shown in our daily lives to lead us through every challenge and difficulty.

Pray that the Lord will give us faith and perseverance so that we can see God's presence and handwriting in every miracle. May God's love and grace be poured out among us and let us be miracles and witnesses in each other's lives.

Pray that the Lord will guide us and make our lives a response to God's lovingkindness and a manifestation of God's glory in our actions and words. May we learn more from miracles every day so that they become the solid foundation of our faith.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I pray, Amen.

Joshua chapter 11

Jo. 11:1 When Jabin king of Hazor heard of this, he sent word to

Jobab king of Madon, to the kings of Shimron and Acshaph,

Jo. 11:2 and to the northern kings who were in the mountains, in the

Arabah south of Kinnereth, in the western foothills and in

Naphoth Dor on the west;

Jo. 11:3 to the Canaanites in the east and west; to the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites and Jebusites in the hill country; and to the Hivites below Hermon in the region of Mizpah.

Jo. 11:4 They came out with all their troops and a large number of horses and chariots — a huge army, as numerous as the sand on the seashore.

Jo. 11:5 All these kings joined forces and made camp together at the Waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

Jo. 11:6 The LORD said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of them, because by this time tomorrow I will hand all of them over to Israel, slain. You are to hamstring their horses and burn their chariots.”

Jo. 11:7 So Joshua and his whole army came against them suddenly at the Waters of Merom and attacked them,

Jo. 11:8 and the LORD gave them into the hand of Israel. They defeated them and pursued them all the way to Greater Sidon, to Misrephoth Maim, and to the Valley of Mizpah on the east, until no survivors were left.

Jo. 11:9 Joshua did to them as the LORD had directed: He hamstringed their horses and burned their chariots.

Jo. 11:10 At that time Joshua turned back and captured Hazor and put its king to the sword. (Hazor had been the head of all these kingdoms.)

Jo. 11:11 Everyone in it they put to the sword. They totally destroyed them, not sparing anything that breathed, and he burned up

Hazor itself.

Jo. 11:12 Joshua took all these royal cities and their kings and put them to the sword. He totally destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded.

Jo. 11:13 Yet Israel did not burn any of the cities built on their mounds — except Hazor, which Joshua burned.

Jo. 11:14 The Israelites carried off for themselves all the plunder and livestock of these cities, but all the people they put to the

531 sword until they completely destroyed them, not sparing anyone that breathed.

Jo. 11:15 As the LORD commanded his servant Moses, so Moses commanded Joshua, and Joshua did it; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

Jo. 11:16 So Joshua took this entire land: the hill country, all the

Negev, the whole region of Goshen, the western foothills, the

Arabah and the mountains of Israel with their foothills,

Jo. 11:17 from Mount Halak, which rises towards Seir, to Baal Gad in the Valley of Lebanon below Mount Hermon. He captured all their kings and struck them down, putting them to death.

Jo. 11:18 Joshua waged war against all these kings for a long time. Jo. 11:19 Except for the Hivites living in Gibeon, not one city made a treaty of peace with the Israelites, who took them all in battle.

Jo. 11:20 For it was the LORD himself who hardened their hearts to wage war against Israel, so that he might destroy them totally, exterminating them without mercy, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Jo. 11:21 At that time Joshua went and destroyed the Anakites from the hill country: from Hebron, Debir and Anab, from all the hill country of Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel.

Joshua totally destroyed them and their towns.

Jo. 11:22 No Anakites were left in Israelite territory; only in Gaza, Gath and Ashdod did any survive.

Jo. 11:23 So Joshua took the entire land, just as the LORD had directed Moses, and he gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal divisions. Then the land had rest from war.

Chapter 11 tells the story of the Israelites' final conquest of the northern Canaanite kingdoms under the leadership of Joshua. The chapter describes how the kings of these kingdoms came together to form a coalition against the Israelites, but they were defeated in a series of battles.

Joshua leads the Israelites in battle against the Canaanite armies and defeats them with the help of God. He captures their cities and destroys their armies. The Israelites take control of the entire region from the hill country of Lebanon to the valley of the Arnon River.

The chapter emphasizes the importance of obedience to God's commands and the power of God to help His people achieve victory. It also shows that God fulfilled His promise to give the Israelites the land of Canaan. The chapter concludes with a summary of the conquest of Canaan and the distribution of the land among the tribes of Israel.

Chapter 11 highlights the themes of faithfulness, obedience, and God's faithfulness to His promises. It also emphasizes the importance of relying on God's strength and power rather than human strength in achieving success.

Joshua chapter 11 describes the final conquest of the northern kings of Canaan by Joshua and the Israelites. Here are some important verses from this chapter in the Christian Bible:

1. "When Jabin king of Hazor heard of this, he sent word to Jobab king of Madon, to the kings of Shimron and Akshaph, and to the northern kings who were in the mountains, in the Arabah south of Kinnereth, in the western foothills and in Naphoth Dor on the west." (Joshua 11:1-2)
2. "The Lord said to Joshua, 'Do not be afraid of them, because by this time tomorrow I will hand all of them, slain, over to Israel. You are to hamstring their horses and burn their chariots.'" (Joshua 11:6)
3. "So Joshua took this entire land: the hill country, all the Negev, the whole region of Goshen, the western foothills, the Arabah and the mountains of Israel with their foothills." (Joshua 11:16)
4. "So Joshua subdued the whole region, including the hill country, the Negev, the western foothills and the mountain slopes, together with all their kings. He left no survivors. He totally destroyed all who breathed, just as the Lord, the God of Israel, had commanded." (Joshua 11:21-22)

These verses demonstrate the Lord's faithfulness to His promise to give the Israelites victory over their enemies, as well as the importance of obedience to His commands. The Lord's instruction to hamstring the horses and burn the chariots shows His desire for the Israelites to rely on Him rather than military might or the spoils of war. The chapter also highlights Joshua's leadership and the extent of the Israelites' conquest, with Joshua taking "this entire land" and leaving "no survivors". This conquest fulfilled the Lord's promise to Abraham to give his descendants the land of Canaan.

In Joshua chapter 11, we witness the culmination of the conquest of the Promised Land as the Israelites achieve victory over a coalition of Canaanite kings. This chapter provides us with insights into the fulfillment of God's promises, the importance of steadfastness and perseverance, and the ultimate sovereignty of God over all nations.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the fulfillment of God's promises to the Israelites. Throughout their journey, God had assured the Israelites that He would give them the land of Canaan. In this chapter, we see the culmination of those promises as the Israelites defeat the Canaanite kings and take possession of their cities and territories. This serves as a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises and His unwavering commitment to His people.

The chapter also highlights the importance of steadfastness and perseverance in fulfilling God's purposes. The coalition of Canaanite kings joined forces to resist the Israelites, presenting a formidable challenge. However, Joshua and the Israelite army remained steadfast in their commitment to follow God's commands and persevere in the face of opposition. Their unwavering determination and reliance on God's strength and guidance led to their victory. This encourages us to remain steadfast in our faith, trusting in God's promises and persevering in our obedience to Him, even when faced with challenging circumstances.

Furthermore, the chapter underscores the ultimate sovereignty of God over all nations. The defeat of the Canaanite kings and the conquest of their territories demonstrate God's authority and power over the nations of the earth. It reinforces the truth that no power or opposition can stand against God's purposes. This reminds us that God is the ultimate ruler over all creation and that His plans will ultimately prevail.

In reflection, Joshua chapter 11 teaches us several important lessons. It emphasizes the fulfillment of God's promises and His faithfulness in bringing His plans to completion. It encourages us to trust in God's faithfulness and hold on to His promises, knowing that He is faithful to accomplish what He has declared.

Additionally, the chapter calls us to exhibit steadfastness and perseverance in our journey of faith. It reminds us that challenges and opposition may arise, but as we remain unwavering in our commitment to follow God and rely on His strength, we will experience the victory He has promised.

Moreover, the chapter prompts us to recognize the sovereignty of God over all nations and circumstances. It reminds us that God is in control, and His plans will ultimately prevail. This encourages us to place our trust in Him and align our lives with His purposes.

Overall, Joshua chapter 11 teaches us about the fulfillment of God's promises, the importance of steadfastness and perseverance, and the ultimate sovereignty of God. By reflecting on these lessons, we can find encouragement and assurance in our own lives, knowing that God is faithful, and His purposes will be accomplished.