

You Are Blessed

Joshua 24:9-10

In the book of Joshua 23:4, Joshua gives a final farewell to the leaders and says he is about to die, but to remember the Lord has been good to them based on his promises.

As he moves through chapters 23 and 24, he walks them through the history of the Hebrews and reminds them of how God blessed them on their journey. He begins with Abraham, Jacob and Esau, Moses, and their fights with the Perizzites, Canaanites, and the Hittites. They gained cities they did not build and vineyards they did not plant.

We are to fear God and serve him with all faithfulness, and he will bless us and add no trouble to it.

Joshua asked the people to decide if serving God was desirable to them. How will you live before God? If you serve God he will make promises, but if you serve other gods his anger will burn against you. While in Egypt and on their sojourn to the promised land, they worshiped false gods.

When the Israelites came upon the Amorites and defeated them, Balak, the Moabite king, sensed that his people would be their next target. He sends for the prophet Balaam, who is wicked, and requests that he curse the Israelites. Balaam, however, refused to do so because he knew how to tap into God, and he knew that God had already blessed these people. He explained to Balak that God had already blessed the people. Unfortunately for Balak, he did not understand spiritual things.

We cannot be cursed people because God has already blessed us. If you are redeemed, God has stored up a blessing for you,

and he is faithful to his word. He will bless you and add no trouble to it.