



The Last Words of Joshua

Joshua 23:1-16



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¹ After a long time had passed and **the Lord had given Israel rest from all their enemies around them**, Joshua, by then a very old man, ² summoned all Israel—their elders, leaders, judges and officials—and said to them: “I am very old. ³ You yourselves have seen everything the Lord your God has done to all these nations for your sake; it was the Lord your God who fought for you.



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¹⁴ “Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. **Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.**



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⁴ Remember how I have allotted as an inheritance for your tribes all the land of the nations that remain—the nations I conquered—between the Jordan and the Mediterranean Sea in the west. ⁵ The Lord your God himself will push them out for your sake. He will drive them out before you, and **you will take possession of their land,** as the Lord your God promised you.



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⁹ “The Lord has driven out before you great and powerful nations; to this day no one has been able to withstand you. ¹⁰ One of you routs a thousand, because the Lord your God fights for you, just as he promised. ¹¹ **So be very careful to love the Lord your God.**



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¹² “But **if you turn away** and ally yourselves with the survivors of these nations that remain among you and **if you intermarry with them and associate with them,** ¹³ then you may be sure that **the Lord your God will no longer drive out these nations before you.** Instead, they will become snares and traps for you, whips on your backs and thorns in your eyes, **until you perish from this good land,** which the Lord your God has given you.



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¹⁵ But just as all the good things the Lord your God has promised you have come to you, so he will bring on you all the evil things he has threatened, **until the Lord your God has destroyed you from this good land he has given you.**



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¹⁶ If you violate the covenant of the Lord your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them, the Lord's anger will burn against you, and **you will quickly perish from the good land he has given you.**"



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¹⁶ Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? ¹⁷ And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness? ¹⁸ **And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed?** ¹⁹ So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

(Hebrews 3:16-19)



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³ Now we who have believed enter that rest ... ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. ⁹ There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰ **for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works**, just as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us, therefore, **make every effort to enter that rest**, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience. (Hebrews 4:3-11)



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¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **we too may live a new life.**

(Romans 6:1-4)



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¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. **¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.**

(Romans 6:11-14)



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