

Fresh Fire Ministries
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“The Unfailing Word of God”

“Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.” Joshua 21:45 (NKJV)

Beginning at verse 43 of the chapter you will find that God had given Israel everything that He had sworn to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and now they had taken possession of all of it, and they, as a nation and as a people would now dwell there. In addition, and perhaps just as important as the primary focus of our devotional today, God had given them “rest” all around them. Here the idea of rest is to “settle, or to pause after laboring.” The evidence of this is found in verse 44. Not a man of any of their enemies stood in their way. No one could come against them and be victorious, and if they even attempted to do so, God delivered the enemy into the hands of His people. The historical context of the passage is to Israel, but the application is proper and powerful for all of God’s children. He can and He will give us rest. “Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28 (NKJV)

Moreover, was the reminder and assurance that God’s word had never failed them. Everything that the Lord said He would do came to pass. Every promise that He uttered from His lips and allowed His prophets to declare was ultimately fulfilled. Even in the midst of a constantly failing, fallible, and faithless people, God’s word always remained true. It was the only consistent area in a journey of epic proportions. From the day that God made His covenant promise to Abram in Genesis 12 unto this very day, God’s word has never failed Israel, and His word has never failed us. Friends fail us, family fails us, employers fail us, business partners fail us, government fails us, the educational system fails us, doctors fail us, lawyers fail us, investors fail us, banks and financial institutions fail us, but hallelujah, God’s word has never ever failed us. “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.” Isaiah 40:8 (NKJV)

Now let’s be clear about something. When God says no to us concerning a promise that He has made to us in His word, does not mean that God’s word has failed us; nor does it necessarily indicate that we have failed God. While the latter is more plausible than the former, God’s word has not failed us. There will be times that God chooses, as a result of His sovereignty not to grant us our desires. This could be for many reasons that will mostly never be known to us. In fact, the times that God has said no and when we agonized, and stressed ourselves believing that God’s word had failed us were really the times that God just may have saved our life. Then there is the unique possibility where we have misplaced our priorities. We have mixed our wants with our needs. And now what we need, we don’t want and what we want we don’t need. When we exhibit motives that are “amiss”, it is clear that we have failed God and not that He has failed us or His word.

In the midst of a world that is failing right before our eyes, God’s word will not fail us. He will do just what He has said in His word. The day that He does otherwise or anything less will be the day that He is no longer God. Don’t get it twisted. Just because something hasn’t happened for you yet, keep trusting, keep believing, keep fasting, and keep praying. At the end of the day, God will do just what He has said. We may not be ready to receive it; we may not be prepared to believe it. But God will do just what He has said. Don’t let the troubles of our nation and the world cause you angst or alarm. God’s word will never fail. “God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? Numbers 23:19 (NKJV)