

Joshua 23:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

Analysis

Joshua's testimony—'And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof'—reviews God's absolute faithfulness. The phrase 'not one thing hath failed' emphatically testifies to complete promise fulfillment. The appeal to comprehensive knowledge ('all your hearts and souls') invokes their experiential testimony. God's perfect track record should generate absolute trust.

Historical Context

This deathbed testimony parallels Moses' farewell (Deuteronomy), establishing the pattern of leaders reviewing God's faithfulness before transition. Joshua's claim of complete fulfillment must be understood within conquest context—major promises accomplished, though details remained. His imminent death ('going the way of all the earth') created urgency for the charge. The generation that conquered Canaan could testify personally to God's faithfulness, making their testimony powerful for children who hadn't experienced it directly.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What personal testimony can you give of God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises?
2. How does reviewing past faithfulness strengthen trust for current and future challenges?

Interlinear Text

כִּי רֹא שׁ בְּדַעַת כָּל הַמָּרְכָּבָה אֲנָכִּי וְהַבָּה הַ
H2009 H595 I am going And behold this day the way H3605 of all the earth H776

לֹא כִּי נְפָשָׁךְ מִלְּדֹעַת מִבְּכָל לְבָבְכָל מִבְּכָל
and ye know H3605 in all your hearts H3824 and in all your souls H3588 H3808

אֲשֶׁר בְּטוּבָם בְּבָרָךְ מִכְּלָא אֲפָדָה בְּבָרָךְ מִכְּלָא
hath failed thing that not one H3605 thing of all the good H834

בְּכָל עַלְיָךְ מִאֱלֹהִיכֶם יְהִי הָדָבָר
spake which the LORD your God H430 H5921 H3605

בְּאָתָה כִּי לֹא לְכָה מִלְּדֹעַת
concerning you all are come to pass H935 H0 H3808 hath failed H5307 H4480 thing H1697

אֲפָדָה:
that not one
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Additional Cross-References

Luke 21:33 (Parallel theme): Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

1 Kings 2:2 (Parallel theme): I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (Parallel theme): Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

Numbers 23:19 (Good): God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

1 Samuel 3:19 (References Lord): And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

Ecclesiastes 12:5 (Parallel theme): Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:

Exodus 3:8 (Good): And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

1 Kings 8:56 (Good): Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

Hebrews 9:27 (Parallel theme): And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Job 30:23 (Parallel theme): For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.