

Numbers 14:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.

Analysis

The condition 'If the LORD delight in us' does not express doubt but emphasizes God's sovereign pleasure as the basis for blessing. Joshua and Caleb understood that possession of Canaan depended not on Israel's strength but on God's covenantal love and commitment. This God-centered perspective enabled them to face giants with confidence.

Historical Context

The phrase 'land that floweth with milk and honey' echoes God's original promise to Moses (Exodus 3:8), creating continuity between divine promise and present opportunity. Joshua and Caleb's words reminded Israel that they faced not uncertainty but the fulfillment of what God had guaranteed.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does understanding God's delight in His people strengthen faith for impossible situations?

2. Where have you substituted self-confidence for God-confidence?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 22:20 (Light): He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

Deuteronomy 10:15 (Light): Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.

Isaiah 62:4 (Light): Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzi-bah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

Psalms 22:8 (Light): He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

Romans 8:31 (Parallel theme): What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Numbers 13:27 (Parallel theme): And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.

1 Kings 10:9 (Light): Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

Jeremiah 32:41 (Parallel theme): Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

Zephaniah 3:17 (References Lord): The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

Exodus 3:8 (Parallel theme): 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.