

Count Your Blessings

Read: Joshua 12:1-24

Main Idea: Recalling God's past victories inspires faithfulness in our present struggles and reaffirms His never-failing promise to lead us to victory.

Key Verses: "Now these are the kings of the land whom the people of Israel defeated and took possession of their land beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise..." (**Joshua 12:1a**).
"...in all, thirty-one kings" (**Joshua 12:24b**).

Key Principles

- Because God fulfilled His promise down to every last border and village, we can trust that no word He has spoken over His people will ever fall to the ground.
- Israel could face what lay ahead because they had a written record of what God had already done, turning memory into courage for present struggles.
- Israel never won a single battle by superior strength, so we must stop leaning on our own resources and rest in the God who fights for His people.
- Blessings that are never counted are soon forgotten, and naming God's specific mercies guards our hearts against complacency and ingratitude.
- The greatest blessing we can ever count is salvation through Christ, the greater Joshua, who left nothing unfinished when He declared victory at the cross.
- The rest Israel enjoyed in Canaan was temporary, but Christ secures an eternal rest for His people, and that hope should steady us in present struggles.

Discussion

1. Why do you think God devoted an entire chapter of Scripture to a list of thirty-one defeated kings? What does that reveal about how He wants His people to remember His faithfulness?
2. When has God's faithfulness in a past season of your life given you confidence to face a present struggle?
3. What promises of God are you most tempted to doubt when victory seems slow in coming? How does the completeness of this list in Joshua 12 speak to that doubt?
4. Where are you most prone to spiritual complacency once life feels settled? What practices help you keep gratitude fresh?
5. How does the finished work of Jesus, who said "It is finished," change the way you face enemies like sin, fear, and death?
6. What specific blessings will you write down and thank God for this week, and with whom will you share what He has done?

Prayer

- Pray for hearts to remember and count God's blessings.
- Pray for:
 - Our church to boldly proclaim the God who keeps every promise.
 - Grateful obedience that replaces complacency with daily faithfulness.
 - Courage to share the blessing of salvation in Christ with the lost in Ocala.

Count Your Blessings

Joshua 12

- | | | |
|------------|---|----------------|
| I. | <u>Remember the victories</u> God has <u>won</u>. | 12:1–6 |
| i. | <u>Trace</u> God's <u>faithful</u> hand. | 12:1–5 |
| ii. | <u>Trust</u> God's <u>gracious</u> gifts. | 12:6 |
| II. | <u>Refuse the complacency</u> the world <u>brings</u>. | 12:7–24 |
| i. | Note the <u>breadth</u> of God's <u>reach</u> . | 12:7–8 |
| ii. | Name the <u>blessings</u> in your <u>life</u> . | 12:9–24 |

NEXT WEEK:

Finishing Well

Joshua 13