

LESSONS FROM JOSHUA'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

What everyone needs to know about life & God

Joshua 23-24



Joshua called
for all Israel,
for their elders,
for their heads, for
their judges, and for
their officers, and
said to them: “**I am
old, advanced in
age.**” (Josh 23:2)

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Therefore, **be very courageous to keep and to do** all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, lest you turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left (23:6)

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"Therefore take careful heed to yourselves, that you love the Lord your God *or else*, if indeed you do go back, and cling to the remnant of these nations – these that remain among you – and make marriages with them, and go in to them and they to you... *they shall be snares and traps to you*, and scourges on your sides and thorns in your eyes... (23:11-13)

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Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. And **you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed.**

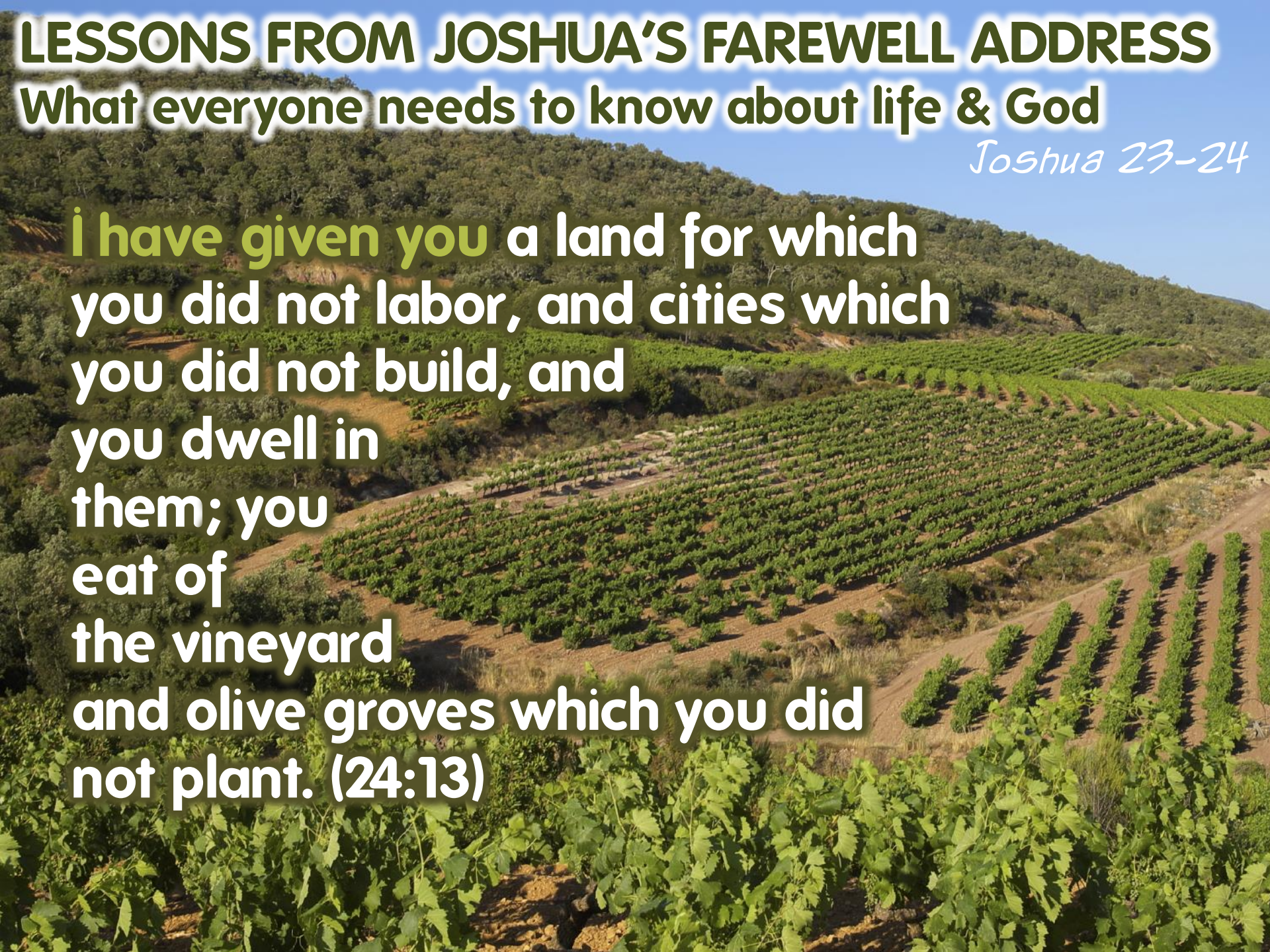
(23:14)

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I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyard and olive groves which you did not plant. (24:13)

The background of the text is a photograph of a lush vineyard. The rows of grapevines are planted in neat, diagonal lines across a sunlit hillside. The leaves are a vibrant green, and the soil between the rows is a reddish-brown. In the distance, a forested ridge rises against a clear, bright blue sky. The overall scene is peaceful and represents the 'land' mentioned in the text.



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**Choose for yourselves this day whom
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but as for me and my house, we will serve the
Lord. (24:15)**

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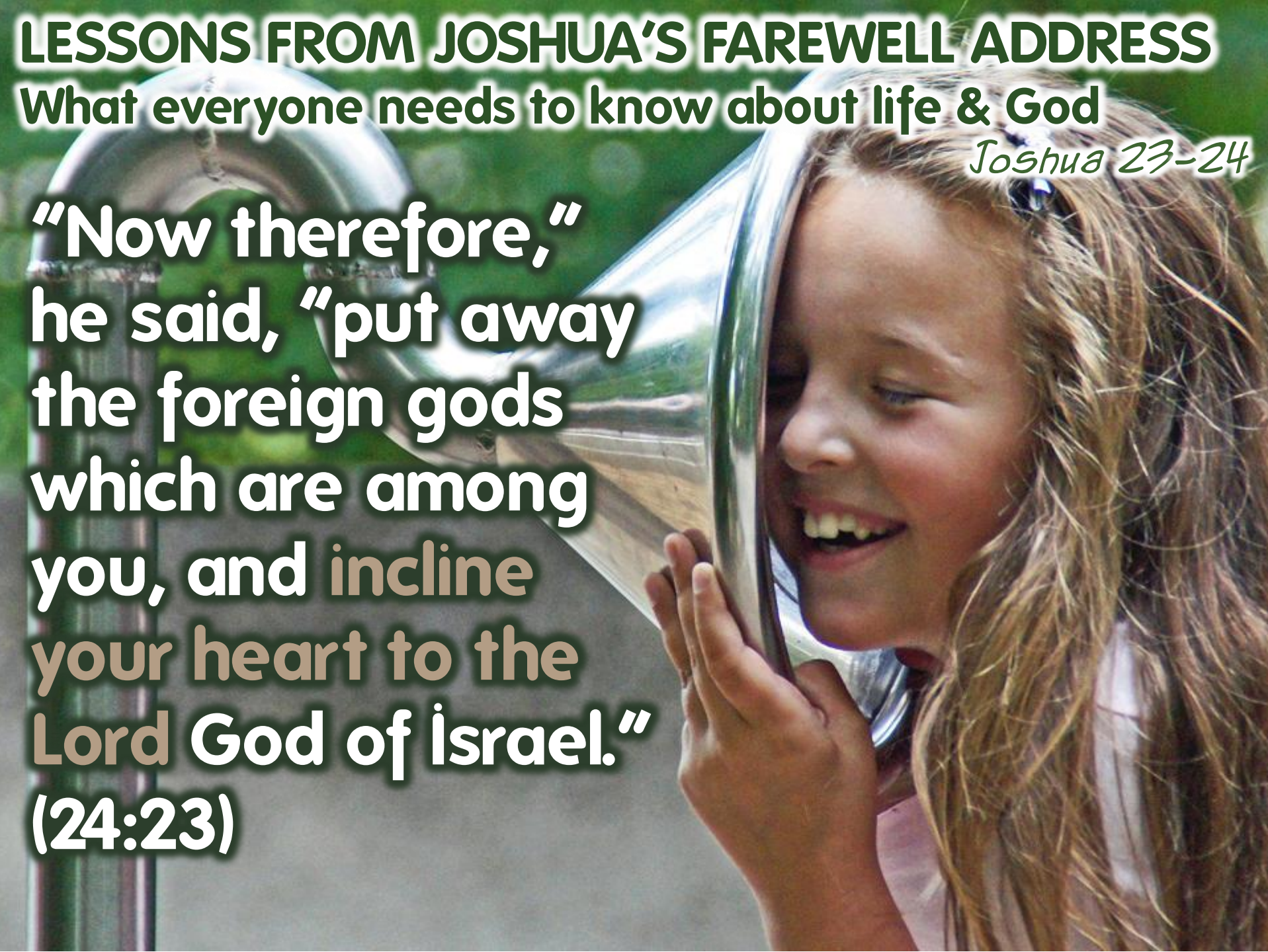
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But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for He is a holy God.

He is a jealous God;

He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins." (24:19)





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**"Now therefore,"
he said, "put away
the foreign gods
which are among
you, and incline
your heart to the
Lord God of Israel."
(24:23)**