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- Deut. 33:24-25 - “And of Asher he said: ‘Asher is most blessed of sons; Let him be favored by his brothers, And let him dip his foot in oil. Your shoes shall be iron and bronze; As your days, so shall your strength be.’”
- Gen. 49:20 - “Bread from Asher shall be rich, And he shall yield royal dainties.”

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- And yet historically, Asher fared little better than his brothers, and his tribe was no better off than any other tribe. What did the blessing mean?
  - His shoes, a metaphor for his journey through life, would be tough enough to handle whatever path he took
  - Therefore, God said whatever a day brought him, he would have what he needed to handle it

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- It is about deciding what is truly important and being content with that alone
  - All other circumstances are changeable and do not add to or take from that contentment.
- Matt. 5:3-12
  - Beatitudes: these things are important to contentment.
  - All other things do not have the power to add to or take away from peace of mind and happiness.