

“Historical Books Of The Bible”
Joshua 24:1-33
Wednesday November 7, 2012

Josh 24:14-16

Joshua 22 – Message to Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh returning to their land.

Joshua 23 – Message to the leaders of Israel.

Joshua 24 – Message to all of Israel.

“God’s people need to be faithful and fervently obey God.”

Joshua refers to the “Lord” 21X in Joshua 24. The word “serve” is used 15X in this chapter. There are 17 “personal pronouns” in the first 13 verses (“I”)

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

1. Verses 1-13 – Great Is Your Faithfulness

2. Verses 14-18 – Responding To God’s Faithfulness

3. Verses 19-24 – Counting The Cost And Commitment

4. Verses 25-33 – Israel’s Agreement With God

1. Verses 1-13 – Great Is Your Faithfulness:

Joshua 24:1

“to Shechem” – “back” or “shoulder”; Strong's synonym for “consent”

Joshua 8:30-35 – Mt. Ebal – was the “A-men’s to the curses.”
Mt. Gerizim – the “A-men’s to the blessings.”

Gen. 12:6-7

Joshua 24:2

Joshua Reminds Israel Of 4 Miraculous Work’s Of God:

1. Verses 2-4 – The Creation Of Israel Through Abraham:

Joshua 24:2

Genesis 11:27-12:9

Joshua 24:3-4

2. Verses 4-7 – The Lord’s Work In Captivity And The Exodus:

Joshua 24:4-6

Egypt – represents the world; bondage from which Israel was delivered.

Joshua 24:7

3. Verses 7-10 – God’s Provision For Israel In The Wilderness:

Joshua 24:7

Wilderness – depicts the believer who lives in unbelief and disobedience and doesn’t enter the rest and riches of Christ. They don’t know or refuse to enter.

Joshua 24:8

(Kadesh Barnea Num. 13-14)

Joshua 24:9-10

Num. 22-25

4. Verses 11-13 – God Gave Israel The Land and Victory Over Their Enemies: Joshua 24:11

“And you crossed the Jordan” (Joshua 3)

Canaan – The victorious Christian life as it ought to be; Conflict and victory, faith, trusting Jesus Christ our Joshua.

“citizens of Jericho fought against you” (Joshua 6)

Joshua 24:12-13

A grateful heart is a good defense against the devil’s temptations.

2. Verses 14-18 – Responding To God’s Faithfulness:

Joshua 24:14

What good is an appeal without an opportunity?

Romans 12:1

Spiritual, Reasonable – is “logikos”, by which we get our word “logical”

Joshua 24:15

Joshua knew that committing yourself to God is a choice that each one must make.

That Indecision Was A Decision! “choose for yourselves”

That there was an urgency – “today whom you will serve:”

Joshua 24:16-18

3. Verses 19-24 – Counting The Cost And Commitment:

Joshua 24:19

Exodus 19:8

Numbers 15:30

Luke 14:25-28

Joshua 24:20-22

Judges 2:7

Judges 2:10

Joshua 24:23-24

No true seeker of God will be deterred when we emphasize the difficulty of the way.

4. Verses 25-33 – Israel’s Agreement With God:

Joshua 24:25-33

Application:

Joshua 24:15

1. Joshua Knew That Committing Oneself To God Is A Choice That Each Person Must Make: “And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve:”
2. That Indecision Was A Decision: “choose for yourselves”
3. There Is An Urgency With Our Decision – “today whom you will serve:”
4. A Commitment To God Must Not Be Merely Emotional, But A Calculated Decision: Joshua 24:19