

Finally

Joshua 24



We've come to the final chapter in our study of Joshua. It is in this chapter that we find the most famous verse in the entire book, Joshua's declaration, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." This chapter is the final sermon of Joshua.

Joshua's Three Farewell Sermons

1. To Gad, Manasseh, Reuben (ch 22)
2. To the leaders of Israel (ch 23)
3. To all Israel (ch 24)

This final farewell sermon takes place at Shechem. This is the same location where God first promised Abram the land (Gen 12:6-7).

A. The Sermon

1. What God had _____ (2-8)

- (a) the actions of God are dominate
 I took (3); I gave (4); I sent (5) I plagued (5); I brought you out (5); I gave them into your hand (8); I destroyed them (8)

What are the lessons learned from the "actions of God?"

- (b) God chose Abram (2-3)
 - Heb 11:8

- (c) Events that those people _____ (7—your eyes saw what I did in Egypt)
 - Amorites and Moab were defeated by God

2. What God had _____ (11-13)

- God had fought for them (11) and God had blessed them (13)
- God has been good to Israel

3. What will _____ ? (14-28)

The word "serve" is used a dozen times in this chapter
 - Jesus used this in Mt 4:10

How is "serving" different from believing?

1. Gods beyond the river (_____)
2. Gods of our family (_____)
3. Gods of the land we live in (_____)



Choose for yourselves today whom you will serve

- The decision is _____
- It may _____ from others
- It needs to be made _____
- What you decide today _____ your tomorrow
- With your decision comes a conclusion about the _____
- Joshua professed his decision _____ others

Why would serving the Lord be "disagreeable?"

1. The nation affirms serving the Lord 3x
 - 16-18, 21, 24
2. Joshua took a large stone for a memorial (26-27)

There are Six Memorials in Joshua

- Stones from the Jordan River (4:9)
- Stones placed as a reminder of Achan's sin (7:26)
- Stones at Ai (8:29)
- Stones at Mt. Ebal (8:32)
- Stone altar built by three tribes on the East (22:10)
- Stones as the nation's witness (24:26-28)

There are Three Burials in Joshua 24

1. Burial of Joshua (29-30)
 2. Burial of Eleazar (33) - the high priest
 3. Burial of Joseph's bones (32)
 Joseph was second only to Pharaoh (Gen 41:40-44)
 Joseph's request for burial (Gen 50:24-26)
 - Those bones were carried a long time (Acts 7:6)
- They carried a great _____
 - They carried a great _____
 - They carried a _____ of Heaven

But sometimes we continue to carry something from the past that we ought to bury