

The Choice is Yours!!!!

Joshua 24:1-24

I) A Historical Reminder vs.2-13

A. The Beginning vs.2-3

B. The Battles vs.5-12

C. The Blessings v.13

II) A Heartfelt Request vs.14-15

A. To Choose

Matt 6:24

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Matt 12:30

30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

B. To Commit

III) A Holy Requirement vs.16-24

A. Character of the Sovereign

Josh 24:19

19 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

B. Consequences of their Sin

Josh 24:20

20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

Gal 6:7

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Deut 30:15-31:1

15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

Life Group Questions

1. When was the last time you just sat and remembered where you were when God found you and just spent time thanking God for what he did for you?
2. Why is praise such a powerful weapon against feeling sorry for ourselves?
3. Why do think that God would go through their whole history before he asked them to commit to him?
4. Knowing what God has done for us why do we find it so hard to sell out to Him and commit every area of our lives to him?
5. We look at missionaries and believe they need to be totally surrendered to do what God has called them to do. Do we look at ourselves different? If so why?
6. What complications do you think could come when a person fails to totally surrender to the Lord?
7. What does the word Jealous mean to you and why do you think God used that description to describe himself?

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