

gods At War
Part 1—gods At War
Joshua 24

- The true issue is always _____

1. We Are at War.

- The gods are at war and their _____ is not to be underestimated
 - Every _____ you're struggling with, every _____ you're dealing with, even the lack of _____ you're living with is because of idolatry
 - We have a problem with idolatry—idolatry isn't _____ issue . . . it's _____ issue

Exodus 20:1-5a—²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them . . . (NIV)

- Somehow we've gotten this command _____ and we think it's OK to have other gods in our lives as long as God comes _____
 - God isn't interested in _____ others or being _____ among many
 - He wasn't saying "before Me" as in "_____ of Me"
 - He was saying you are not to have other gods "_____"

2. You're Going to Worship Something, But You Get to Choose What that Is.

Joshua 24:14-15—¹⁴So fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord alone. ¹⁵But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord. (NLT)

- He gave them four options:
 - The _____
 - The _____ their ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the _____
 - The _____ their ancestors worshiped when they lived in _____
 - And the gods of the _____ where they were _____ living
- Notice there was not a "_____ " choice because we are all worshipers
 - Peter Kreft: "The opposite of theism is not atheism, it's _____"
 - You must identify the gods at war for your _____
 - Diagnostic questions:
 - What are you most _____ with?
 - What do you sacrifice your _____ and _____ for?
 - Where do you go when you're _____?
 - You need to make a _____ choice today
 - Choosing this day means we:
 - _____ what God has done

- _____ who God is

Joshua 24:19b—¹⁹. . . He is a holy God; he is a jealous God
. . . (NIV)

- _____ all other gods

Joshua 24:23—²³“All right then,” Joshua said, “destroy the idols among you, and turn your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” (NLT)

Action Steps . . .

- Accept Jesus as Savior
- Let Him identify your idols