

## Joshua Lesson 14 – The Way of All the Earth (Joshua 23-24)

### I. The Way of All the Earth (Joshua 23:1–2)

**Scripture:** *2 Timothy 4:7*

- “To die is poignantly bitter, but the idea of having to die without having lived is unbearable.” — Eric Fromm
- Joshua truly lived:
  - a) From Egyptian \_\_\_\_\_ (1) to the Promised Land
  - b) Led Israel, defeated enemies, conquered land, and claimed inheritance
- Joshua will go “the way of all the earth.” Same for us if the Lord does not return.
- Joshua’s greatest concern: the people and their relationship with the Lord.
- Core challenge:
  - a) Love the Lord
  - b) Keep His \_\_\_\_\_ (2)
  - c) Enjoy the blessings of the covenant

### II. Meetings and Joshua’s Burden (Joshua 23:1–2; Joshua 24:1)

- Joshua warned the leaders about deserting the Lord.
- Joshua summoned all of \_\_\_\_\_ (3) and reviewed their history to challenge covenant faithfulness.

### III. Israel’s Future Dangers (Joshua 23:1–16)

- Obey the Lord = blessed; disobey the Lord = removal.
- The covenant terms never changed (Sinai, Moab, Ebal/Gerizim).
- The danger ahead:
  - a) The job wasn’t “finished” without diligence
  - b) Israel was surrounded by pagan religions and ways

### IV. Three Motives to Remain Separated and Serving (Joshua 23:3–16)

#### 1) What the Lord Did for Israel (Joshua 23:3–4)

- Since leaving Egypt, the Lord fought for His people.
- Example:
  - a) The Lord drowned the \_\_\_\_\_ (4) army.
- The past builds present confidence:
  - a) Time changes; methods change; God \_\_\_\_\_ (5) changes.

#### 2) What the Lord Said to Israel (Joshua 23:5–10)

- Joshua’s “secret” = obedience. Israel’s future “secret” = \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
- Most important instruction moving forward:

- a) Remain a \_\_\_\_\_ (7) people
- The “slow fade” warning:
  - a) Familiar association → influence → compromise
  - b) Eventually the line is completely \_\_\_\_\_ (8)

### For Us Today

**Scripture:** *Romans 12:2; 1 John 2:15–17*

- The pressure to conform is strong. God calls His people to resist worldly patterns and remain loyal.

### 3) What the Lord Would Do to Israel (Joshua 23:11–16)

- The Word of the Lord is like a two-edged \_\_\_\_\_ (9)
  - a) Obey it = God's blessings
  - b) Disobey it = God's chastisement
- Persistent compromise brings severe consequences:
  - a) Final result: \_\_\_\_\_ (10) from the land

### V. “This Good Land” (Joshua 23:14–16)

**Scripture:** *James 1:13–17; Luke 15:17; Romans 2:4*

- Joshua repeatedly calls Canaan a “good land.”
- Meditating on the \_\_\_\_\_ (11) of God strengthens holiness and repentance.
- Danger: focusing on the gifts and forgetting the Gift- \_\_\_\_\_ (12)

### VI. Israel's Past Blessings (Shechem) (Joshua 24:1–28)

- Shechem is sacred memory ground for Israel — \_\_\_\_\_ (13) ground.
- Joshua's final address emphasized:
  - a) The Lord referenced \_\_\_\_\_ (14) times
  - b) “Serve” is mentioned 15 times

### VII. God Chose Israel (Joshua 24:1–4)

**Scripture:** *Acts 7:2; John 15:16; Ephesians 1:4; Romans 8:33; Titus 1:1; Romans 9:11*

- Abraham didn't seek God — God sought and \_\_\_\_\_ (15) Abraham.
- God's choosing is illustrated in the patriarchs:
  - a) Esau rejected; God chose \_\_\_\_\_ (16)

### VIII. God Delivered Israel (Joshua 24:5–7)

- God sent \_\_\_\_\_ (17) ahead to preserve the nation, then sent Moses and Aaron to deliver them.

- Exodus climax:
  - a) Death of the \_\_\_\_\_ (18)
- God brought them out and led them \_\_\_\_\_ (19) the Red Sea.

### IX. God Guided Israel (Joshua 24:8–10)

**Scripture:** *Deuteronomy 6:23*

- God brought them out to bring them into the \_\_\_\_\_ (20) land.
- Unbelief produced wilderness wandering for 40 \_\_\_\_\_ (21)
- Balaam tried to curse — God turned it into repeated blessing.

### X. God Gave Them Their Land (Joshua 24:11–13)

- Israel received what they did not earn.
- Joshua gives a lasting \_\_\_\_\_ (22):
  - a) Land you did not labor for
  - b) Cities you did not build
  - c) Vineyards/olive groves you did not plant

### XI. Present Responsibilities (Joshua 24:14–18)

- The central call: \_\_\_\_\_ (23) the Lord in sincerity and truth.
- Joshua forces a decision:
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_ (24) is not an option
- “As for me and my family, we will worship the Lord.”

### XII. Devotion and Covenant Warning (Joshua 24:19–28)

**Scripture:** *Exodus 19:8; Exodus 20:5*

- God is holy and jealous; rivals in the heart are not tolerated.
- Israel's words:
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_ (25) are easy — follow through is hard
- Consequence warning:
  - a) Forsake the Lord & forfeit \_\_\_\_\_ (26)
- Israel confirmed devotion \_\_\_\_\_ (27), and Joshua recorded it and set up a witness stone.

### XIII. God's Promise and Discipline

**Scripture:** *Habakkuk 2:14*

- God kept His word—both in blessing and discipline:
  - a) He also took the Jews \_\_\_\_\_ (28) of the land (Assyria/Babylon).
- Future hope: the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.

## Answer Key

1. BONDAGE
2. COMMANDMENTS
3. ISRAEL
4. EGYPTIAN
5. NEVER
6. OBEDIENCE
7. SEPERATED
8. ERASED
9. SWORD
10. REMOVAL
11. GOODNESS
12. GIVER
13. HOLY
14. 21
15. CHOSE
16. JACOB
17. JOSEPH
18. FIRSTBORN
19. THROUGH
20. PROMISED
21. YEARS
22. REMINDER
23. SERVE
24. NEUTRALITY
25. PROMISES
26. BLESSINGS
27. 3 TIMES
28. OUT