

As For Me And My House

Joshua 24:14–16

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The context: covenant renewal at Shechem

Joshua's charge to the leaders

Joshua 23

- Vs 6 be strong and don't deviate from the book of law of Moses
- Vs 7 don't assimilate with the wrong people, and do not chase after their gods
- Vs 12 don't intermarry with these people
- Vs 13 warning, if you do assimilate with them and you do participate in idolatry, these people will be a snare and trap for you
- Vs 13 The cost for compromise will destroy you
- Vs 14-16 Remember God's faithfulness and his justice

Covenant renewal at Shechem

Joshua 24:1-15

- Why Shechem and not Shiloh?
- The history of God's greatness
- **The terms of the covenant:** God chose His people, God delivered His people, God protected His people, God saved his people, God blessed His people with an inheritance
- **God gave his people a choice:** either serve Him, according to His terms, or expect to reap the consequences for idolatry and seeking other gods

The response of the people

Joshua 24:16–28

- Vs 18 **the people:** we will serve the Lord, for He is our God
- Vs 19 Joshua challenges, the people
- Vs 20 **the people:** we will serve the Lord
- Vs 22 Joshua explains the terms of a covenant relationship
- Vs 23 Joshua commanded them to put away foreign gods and open their hearts to God of Israel
- Vs 24 **the people:** VOWED to serve God, a national oath of obedience
- Vs 25 Joshua made covenant with God
- Vs 26 Joshua set up a stone to be a witness

The apostle Pauls charge to leaders at Rome

Acts 28:17-31

- He gives them a history lesson
- He references both the law of Moses and the prophets
- He preaches the kingdom to them
- They did not receive him or his message
- He challenges them with a prophecy from the book of Isaiah
- He makes it clear to them if they do not **choose** Christ, then the gentile nations will hear it
- They disputed his words, but he continued to freely preach the gospel until his time was finished

Jesus challenged his disciples and followers

- **John 6:60-71** Jesus challenge the crowd, and his disciples
- **John 8:39-47** Jesus confronts the Pharisees
- **John 13:36-38** Jesus confronts Peter, who promised to lay down his life for Jesus
- **Revelation 3:14-22** Jesus confronts the lukewarm church at Laodicea
- Are the words of Jesus too harsh?

3 priorities for every believer who chooses to serve the Lord

Joshua 24:15 as for me & my house we will_____ ?

- 1. We have a personal responsibility to fear/serve the Lord**
- 2. We have a responsibility to lead our families to fear/the Lord**
- 3. We have a responsibility to be God-fearing citizens to our nation, to our local community, and to our spiritual family.**

Acts 1:8 but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.