

POSSESSING THE LAND OF PROMISE

Joshua 23:1-16

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Joshua 23:8 (KJV) “CLEAVE unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day.”

1. It Takes Being _____...

...For You To _____ The World.

1John 2:15-16 (NIV2011) “Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.”

Joshua 23:1-2 (NIV2011) “After a long time had passed and the LORD had given Israel rest from all their enemies around them, Joshua, by then a very old man, ² summoned all Israel—their elders, leaders, judges and officials—and said to them: ‘I am very old.’”

Joshua 23:3 (NIV2011) “You yourselves have seen everything the LORD your God has done to all these nations for your sake; it was the LORD your God who fought for you.”

Joshua 23:4 (NIV2011) “Remember how I have allotted as an inheritance for your tribes all the land of the nations that remain—the nations I conquered—between the Jordan and the Mediterranean Sea in the west.”

Joshua 23:5 (NIV2011) “The LORD your God Himself will push them out for your sake. He will drive them out before you, and you will take possession of their land, as the LORD your God promised you.”

Joshua 23:6 (NIV2011) “Be very strong (courageous); be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left.”

Joshua 23:7-8 (NIV2011) “Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them. You must not serve them or bow down to them. ⁸ But you are to hold fast to the LORD your God, as you have until now.”

Joshua 23:9-10 (NIV2011) “The LORD has driven out before you great and powerful nations; to this day no one has been able to withstand you. ¹⁰ One of you routs a thousand, because the LORD your God fights for you, just as He promised.”

2. It Takes Being _____...

...For You To _____ To The LORD.

Joshua 23:11 (NIV2011) “So be very careful to love the LORD your God.”

Joshua 23:12 (NIV2011) “But if you turn away and ally yourselves with the survivors of these nations that remain among you and if you intermarry with them and associate with them...”

James 4:4-5 (NIV2011) “You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you think Scripture says without reason that He jealously longs for the Spirit He has caused to dwell in us?”

Joshua 23:13 (NIV2011) “...You may be sure that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations before you. Instead, they will become snares and traps for you, whips on your backs and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land, which the LORD your God has given you.”

Joshua 23:14-16 (NIV2011) “Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed. ¹⁵ But just as all the good things the LORD your God has promised you have come to you, so He will bring on you all the evil things He has threatened, until the LORD your God has destroyed you from this good land He has given you. ¹⁶ If you violate the covenant of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them, the LORD’s anger will burn against you, and you will quickly perish from the good land He has given you.”

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