

Joshua PART 7 HANDOUT

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JOSHUA 24:13 So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.'

- Reminding the people who they are and whose they are
- Everything that was in their memory from the past, can still be a temptation

JOSHUA 24:14-15 “Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15 But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

- Look at what God has done for you, to you, through you, and **add a “Therefore” to it**

KEY: Putting our trust fully in God is an ALL-IN decision

QUOTE: A candle that won't shine in one room is very unlikely to shine in another. If you do not shine at home, if your father and mother, your sister and brother, if the very cat and dog in the house are not the better and happier for your being a Christian, it is a question whether you really are one.

– Hudson Taylor –

KEY: Your spiritual commitment to the Lord should affect all the other relationships in your life

JOSHUA 24:16-18 Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! 17 It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. 18 And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”

- It is interesting to note that Elijah will do this same thing in the future on Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 18)

JOSHUA 24:22-24 Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD.”

“Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied.

23 “Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.”

24 And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the LORD our God and obey him.”

- When those things are absent from our lives, it doesn’t mean that there is something with Christianity...it means there is something wrong with my version of Christianity

JOSHUA 24:29-32 After these things, Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of a hundred and ten. 30 And they buried him in the land of his inheritance, at Timnath Serah in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.

31 Israel served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had experienced everything the LORD had done for Israel.

32 And Joseph’s bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem in the tract of land that Jacob bought for a hundred pieces of silver from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. This became the inheritance of Joseph’s descendants.

- Brought the bones of Joseph (Gen 37-50) into the Promised Land

GENESIS 50:24-25 - Joshua fulfilled this promise

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- Promise he saw way in the distance by faith in God

Give God time - you can always count on God to fulfill what He has promised to you

LIFE POINT: Go all-in with God by following Him, serving him, and trusting His timing.