

Serve the Lord

Joshua 24

I. Outline of Joshua

- A. Entering the land (1-5)
- B. Conquering the land (5-12)
- C. Dividing the land (13-21)
- D. Serving the Lord in the land (22-24)

II. Remember: Looking Back on God's Faithfulness (Josh. 24:2-13)

- A. God Initiated Redemption: Abraham (Josh 24:2-3)
 - 1. Who did Abraham's family serve initially?
 - 2. What makes the difference for Abraham (v. 3)?
 - 3. The doctrine of regeneration, by God's grace alone, is a great stumbling block to the prideful human heart
 - 4. God continues his work and on his timetable.
- B. God's Inscrutable Wisdom in Redemption: Esau and Jacob (Josh. 24:4)
 - 1. The experience of the redeemed is not always a straight line (cf. Esau and Jacob's experience)
- C. God's Power in Redemption: Egypt, Wilderness, Enemies (Josh. 24:5-13)
 - 1. Note the subject of all the action verbs. Who is doing the acting/work/fighting?
 - 2. God defeats a great nation: God vs. Egypt (Josh. 24:5-7a)
 - 3. God sustains them in the wilderness (Josh. 24:7b-10)
 - 4. God fought for them in the land (Josh. 24:11-13)

III. Respond: The People Must be Faithful to Serve the Lord (Josh. 24:14-28)

- A. The command to the present generation: Serve the Lord in faithfulness (Josh. 24:14-15)
- B. The people respond (Josh. 24:16-18)
- C. Joshua makes the commitment clear (Josh. 24:19-24)
- D. Renewing the Covenant (Josh. 24:25-28)

IV. The End of an Era (Josh. 24:29-33)

- A. Joshua and Eleazer die and are buried.
- B. Joseph's Faith and Bones
 - 1. See Gen. 50:14-15; Ex. 13:19; Heb. 11:22
 - 2. Compare to our need for faith (ex. Phil. 3:20)
- C. Josh. 24:31 – We get a positive word but also are left wondering what is to come... (Judges)