

**GOD'S PROMISES FULFILLED**

A Study in the Books of Joshua and Ruth

**Covenant Renewal                      Joshua 24***"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."* Joshua 24:15**Read Joshua 24.**

1. We have come to the end of Joshua's life. What does he do that Moses did before him at the end of his life? (v. 25; Deut. 29:1)
2. What seems to be the first part of both of these covenant renewal ceremonies? (vv. 2–13; Deut. 29:2–8)
3. In these verses, God himself rehearses the deliverances he has performed for his people. Name some things they've been rescued from. What are some threats that God has rescued you from? (Heb. 11:32-35)
4. Why repeat this well-known history of God's gracious deeds again? What is there about us that we need to be reminded so often? (Deut. 8:11–14)

**Read Joshua 24:1–13.**

5. Though the national tabernacle is at Shiloh at this time, Joshua chooses Shechem for this solemn covenant renewal act. What is special about Shechem that every Israelite would know? (Gen. 12:6, 7; 33:18–20)
6. The book of Joshua takes pains to tie promise to fulfillment, often quoting word for word from previous books. What prophecy does verse 13 fulfill? (Deut. 6:10-11)

**Read Joshua 24:14–27.**

7. If the first part of the covenant renewal ceremony is a rehearsal of the Lord's gracious deeds of salvation (vv. 2–13), what is the second part? (vv. 14-15)
8. Before issuing the challenge of verse 15, Joshua has built a solid case for the choice to serve the Lord (vv. 2–13). What is Israel's (and our) reasonable response to God's love? (v. 14b)

9. The people's response to Joshua is good (v. 16). But, how does Joshua now respond in turn, lest they go into this commitment casually? (vv. 19-20)
  
10. The word "serve" occurs numerous times in verses 14-16 (and at least 18 times in the chapter!). It's clear that Israel must decide whom they will serve. Compare the plea of Joshua to Paul's plea to us in Romans 6:17-18, 22. What decision is God's desire for us?
  
11. We know that God forgives a repentant sinner who turns to Him from sin (1 Jn.1:9).
  - a. So what does 24:19b mean? (Joshua 23:15, 16)
  
  - b. What warning is there to Israel if, after all God's grace, she chooses rebellion? (vv. 19b-20)
  
  - c. Peeking ahead to subsequent history, what in fact happens? (2 Chron. 36:15-20)
  
  - d. Why is that **not** the end of the story for Israel? (Rom. 11:5, 25, 26)
  
12. What is Joshua's purpose for setting up a large stone? (vv. 26-27;  Luke 19:40)
  
13. How long did Israel continue to serve the Lord? (v. 31; Judges 2:10-11)

### Review of Joshua

14. The theme of God as promise keeper soars right through to the last verses of the last chapter. Comment on how the writer ties the end of Joshua (24:32) to the end of Genesis (50:24-26).
  
15. "Joshua" teaches that history is going somewhere, that there are consequences of our choices of obedience or disobedience and that God is faithful when we are not. Now that you know this, what difference will it make in the way you live?