

Joshua 23-24

Monday – Day One

Prayer: Pray for God to unfold His word to you, for the Spirit to teach you, and for Christ to shine His light and truth in your life.

“Remember . . . Be Very Strong . . . Hold Fast.” – Read Joshua 23:1-8

- Further Reading: Psalm 44:3; Psalm 16:4; Exodus 20:4-5
- Who did Joshua call before him as he neared the end of his life? *(All the people, particularly the elders, leaders, judges, and officials so every tribe and group had a personal representative to witness this speech.)*
- According to verse 3, who was responsible for everything the people of Israel had witnessed during the capture of the Promised Land? *(The Lord. He fought for Israel.)*
- What was Joshua’s primary concern even as he promised that God would push out the enemies from their new lands? *(Joshua worried that Israel would forget what had happened and who was responsible for it.)*
- How do you find yourself including or tolerating other gods in your life, rather than holding fast to God?

Pray that nothing will substitute for God’s authority and promise in your life.

Tuesday – Day Two

Prayer: Pray for God to unfold His word to you, for the Spirit to teach you, and for Christ to shine His light and truth in your life.

“But if you turn away . . .” – Read Joshua 23:9-16

- Further Reading: Matthew 6:24; 12:30; Joshua 21:45
- In verse 10, Joshua describes battle with the Lord’s help. What would happen if they lost their dependence on God (see vs. 13)? *(The Lord would no longer fight for them. The seemingly insignificant enemy would become a trap and enslave the Israelites. Eventually they would lose all they had gained.)*
- What kinds of things, behaviors, or activities have become a snare for you, slowing you down or tripping you up? Is it time to let God win that battle for you so you can be free?

Pray that you will wholly depend on God and not look elsewhere for help or comfort today.

Wednesday – Day Three

Prayer: Pray for God to unfold His word to you, for the Spirit to teach you, and for Christ to shine His light and truth in your life.

“Now fear the Lord and serve him . . .” – Read Joshua 24:1-15

- According to verse 2 and in contrast to Chapter 23, for whom is Joshua now speaking? *(The Lord.)*
- Did you know? "Some have said the hornet (v. 12) refers to Egyptian armies that may have attacked Canaan before the Conquest. Others say the hornet refers figuratively to the panic experienced by the people of Canaan on hearing of what God had done for Israel (cf. Deut. 2:25; Josh. 2:10, 24; 5:1). Still others suggest that this referred to literal hornets." - Bible Knowledge Commentary
- The Lord, through Joshua, reminded the Jewish people that He had been at work in their life since the days of Abraham. Can you identify times in your past that you now see as God at work?

Pray that you will be quick to sense God at work in your life.

Thursday – Day Four

Prayer: Pray for God to unfold His word to you, for the Spirit to teach you, and for Christ to shine His light and truth in your life.

“We will serve the Lord.” – Read Joshua 24:16-24

- Further Reading: Numbers 15:30; 1 Thessalonians 1:9
- In verse 15, Joshua boldly states that, no matter what anyone else does, he and his house would serve the Lord. What is the people’s response to this commitment? (They promised to do the same, noting that God had done so much for them, they could only serve the one true God.)
- How does Joshua test the people’s sincerity in verse 19? (He directly challenges them with the idea that they aren’t even capable of serving the Lord.)
- Israel makes three declarations in this passage, promising to serve the Lord. Where else in Scripture do we see a significant “triple” like this? (Peter denied Christ three times, after promising never to do so. Christ later asked Peter three times if he truly loves him.)

Pray today that you will be renewed in your commitment to serve the Lord with all your heart, mind and strength.

Friday – Day Five

Prayer: Pray for God to unfold His word to you, for the Spirit to teach you, and for Christ to shine His light and truth in your life.

“This stone will be a witness against us.” – Read Joshua 24:25-28

- Further reading: Deuteronomy 31:24-27
- Joshua knew he would soon be gone from the scene. What did he hope would help the Children of Israel remember their promises? (A stone monument.)
- Did you know? Shechem is the same place God first promised Abraham the land of Canaan (see: Genesis 12:6-7) making this an important point of closure and renewal for the wandering Israelites.
- God knows that promises and monuments are still no substitute for His Holy Spirit indwelling and empowering us. What has the Holy Spirit reminded you of today that needs your attention?

Pray that God will soften your heart to the leading of the Holy Spirit and His sanctifying power.

Saturday – Day Six

Prayer: Pray for God to unfold His word to you, for the Spirit to teach you, and for Christ to shine His light and truth in your life.

Burials in the Promised Land – Read Joshua 24:29-33

- Further Reading: Genesis 50:25-26
- How old was Joshua when he died? (110 years old)
- What three prominent burials are recorded at the end of chapter 24? (Joshua, Joseph and Eleazer.)
- What kind of legacy do you think these men hoped they would pass on to following generations? What kind of legacy do you want to pass on to those that come after you?

Pray that your life and your godly obedience would leave a lasting, positive impact on those around you.