



Quiet Time

February 18-24, 2024

Joshua 24:15 (ESV)

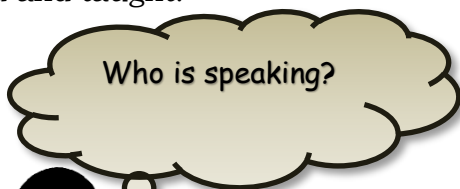
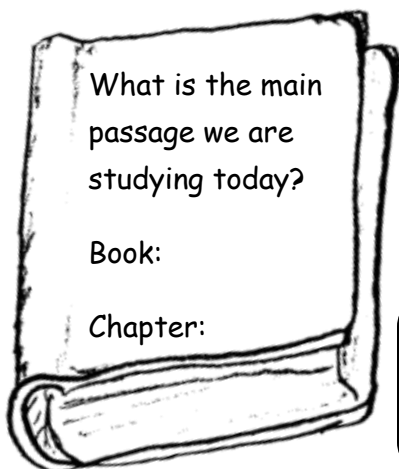
And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD,
choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods
your fathers served in the region beyond the River,
or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell.
But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

God
Is Chosen
by Israel



Sermon notes

As you attend church service with your family, use these next two pages to help you listen and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God, praying, and listening to God's Word being read and taught.



Title of Sermon:

What is the Big Idea of the passage?



Which song from today's service is your favorite and why?



Words you heard but don't know...

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Write or draw something that you heard in the sermon today.

Fill in the blanks below during the service, and then talk to your parents about them on the way home.

I heard _____

but was confused or had a hard time believing it.

Hearing and believing this about God is... _____

_____ ...changes the way I...

God Is Chosen by Israel – Monday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read or Listen: Joshua 23:1-3

Joshua was aware of the challenge faced by the Israelites as they would continue to settle the land and remove the Canaanites. Therefore, when he was almost 110 years old, he warned the people of the danger of living among the Canaanites and reminded them of what God had done for them. God had fought for His people and had promised to drive out the rest of the people of the Promised Land.

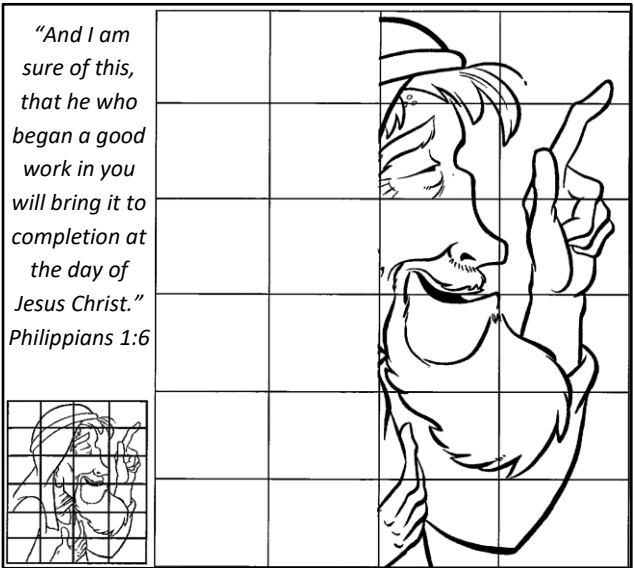
Meditation:

1. Joshua's age is mentioned 2 times in these 3 verses. Why do you think his "old age" is important? (See Deut. 5:16, 32-33.) _____

2. What had God given to Israel (v 1)? _____

3. As a soldier, did Joshua take any credit for conquering the Promised Land (v 3)? YES NO

Application: God made a promise to Israel, and God faithfully kept His word. Israel was given rest in the Promised Land. Ever since Adam's sin in *Genesis 3*, God has promised to bring rest from the fight of sin (*Genesis 3:15*). The picture of Israel's rest in the Promised Land is a reminder to us that God will be faithful to give us rest from sin as well. *Revelation 21:3-4* shows us that God will be faithful to His promise. What will this "rest" from sin look like? _____



Complete your Prayer Journal for today, and pray about it.

God Is Chosen by Israel - Tuesday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read or Listen: Joshua 23:4-8

After talking about the good that God had done, Joshua encouraged the people to “*be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses*”. But because Israel was still living among the Canaanites, Joshua knew Israel needed a special reminder to be pure because they were surrounded by idolaters.

Meditation:

1. What did Joshua warn the people to not do (v. 6-7)? _____

2. Read Joshua 1:6, 9, 18 and 23:6. What similar command does Joshua give in each of these verses? Be _____ and _____

3. What is the big danger of not removing the Canaanites from the Land (v 7)? _____

Fill in the blanks below by finding each word that matches the bingo letters. Then you can read the verse.

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18 you	5 place	13 If	7 am	11 may
12 back	The God's Special Promise Bingo Game			24 that
20 you	8 take	19 I	2 and	27 where
3 I	17 I	21 me	14 to	9 a
10 be	23 prepare	1 also	26 come	15 and



N-13	N-19	G-4	O-15	I-23	O-9	
I-5	O-28	B-6	I-17	N-25	G-26	
B-12	G-2	I-8	B-18	G-14	B-10	
I-16	N-21	O-24	B-20	N-1	O-11	B-10
O-27	B-3	G-7				

Application: Joshua said to “*be strong and courageous*” in conquering the land. Paul says to “*be always of good courage*” in conquering sin (2 Cor 5:4-10). Joshua told Israel that God would fight their battles. Paul said that the Spirit is given to us to fight against sin. “*Whether we are home (alive) or absent (dead)...to _____ Him*” (2 Cor 5:9).

Complete your Prayer Journal for today, and pray about it.

God Is Chosen by Israel – Wednesday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read or Listen: Joshua 23:11-13

Joshua's instructions were coupled with a warning. If Israel did not "cling" to God (v 8) and instead would "cling" to the Canaanites and marry them (v 12), God would not drive out the Canaanites (v 13). If Israel chose the wickedness of the Canaanites, God would allow the Canaanites to be a big problem to the Israelites. Israel's punishment would be that the Canaanites would so corrupt them that eventually they would lose the Promised Land.

Meditation:

True or False

Israel was allowed to marry the Canaanites.

Moses also gave warnings to Israel before he died. Which verses in *Deuteronomy* sound a little bit like *Joshua 23:11-13*? *Deut 28:1-14*

Deut 28:15-68 Deut 33:13-17

What could Israel do to keep the Canaanites from tempting them to worship false gods (v 11)? (*Hint: Moses gave a*

similar instruction in Deuteronomy 6:5)

Jesus summarizes all of the 10 Commandments with 2 commands in *Matthew 22:36-40*: love the LORD with all your heart, soul, and mind (*quoting Dt 6:5*), and love your neighbor as yourself.

Write a "G" in front of every command that shows a love for God and write an "O" in front of every command that shows a love for others.

- _____ You shall have no other gods before Me.
- _____ You shall not make for yourself a carved image.
- _____ You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
- _____ Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- _____ Honor your father and your mother.
- _____ You shall not murder.
- _____ You shall not commit adultery.
- _____ You shall not steal.
- _____ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- _____ You shall not covet.

Application:

Sometimes as Christians, we just try harder to do right when we sin. We try to change the way we act, but God wants us to be changed in the way we think, too. Just as Israel was to grow in their love of the LORD to stay away from false gods, so we should grow in our love of the LORD to serve Him faithfully. *1 John 5:2, "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments."*

Complete your Prayer Journal for today, and pray about it.

God Is Chosen by Israel – Thursday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read or Listen: Joshua 23:14-16

Joshua promised that just as God had been faithful to keep His promises of blessing, He would keep His promises of cursing. How Israel responded to the challenge of the Canaanites would determine whether they enjoyed God's promised blessings or struggled against God's promised curses.

Meditation:

1. How many times did Joshua tell Israel that God had been faithful to His word (v 14-15)?

2. What did Joshua say would happen to Israel if they were not faithful (v 15-16)?

3. *True or False*

God will be just as faithful cursing Israel for their sin as He was in blessing Israel (v 16).

The LORD Is...

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everlasting	almighty	jealous	faithful
consuming fire	living	terrible	forgiving
gracious	ever loving	maker	provider
judge	father	healer	ruler
shepherd	righteous	peace	all present
all knowing	merciful	holy one	defender

Application:

How many of God's promises to you will He keep? _____ Joshua told Israel that God would be faithful to His promise of cursing them for their sin. What similar promise is given to Christians in *Hebrews 12:6*? "*For the Lord _____ the one he loves, and _____ every son whom he receives.*" What does *Hebrews 12:11* say is the purpose of God's discipline?

Complete your Prayer Journal for today, and pray about it.

God Is Chosen by Israel – Friday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read or Listen: *Joshua 24:13-16, 18, 20-21, 23-24*

Joshua knew that the people had to choose whether they were going to serve God or the gods of the Canaanites. In *verse 15*, Joshua told the people, “Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua was committed that his family would follow the LORD, regardless of what the rest of Israel did.

Meditation:

Verses	Joshua told Israel...	Verses	Israel said they...
14	1. F_____ the LORD 2. S_____ the LORD 3. Put a_____ the gods	16, 18	...would never f_____ the LORD and s_____ other gods ...will s_____ the LORD, for He is our God
20	...don't f_____ the LORD and s_____ other gods	21	...will s_____ the LORD
23	...Put a_____ other gods and i_____ your h_____ to the LORD	24	...will s_____ the LORD and o_____ His voice

True or False In order for Israel to “put away the foreign gods” they had to be worshipping them already.

True or False Every time Joshua told Israel to get rid of the false gods, Israel promised to get rid of all the false gods.

Application:

For a time, Israel was committed to following God. They faithfully followed the LORD during the days of Joshua (24:31), but eventually, Israel would forget to cling to God’s Law and worship the Canaanites’ gods instead.

This is a good reminder to us of what Matthew 6:24 says, “No one can s_____ t_____ masters, for either he will hate the one and l_____ the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.”

Complete your Prayer Journal for today, and pray about it.

God Is Chosen by Israel - Saturday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read or Listen: Joshua 24:29-31

Even though there is no question written at the end of this book, there should be some questions in your mind as you come to the end of this book: "Who will lead Israel next?" At the end of Moses' life, God chose Joshua to lead Israel, but there is no leader chosen at the end of Joshua's life. In fact, if you read on into the book of *Judges 1:1*, you will see that Israel asked this same question.

Here is a second question you should ask: "Will Israel continue to serve the LORD now that Joshua is dead?" Once again, the book of *Judges* will answer this question.

Meditation:

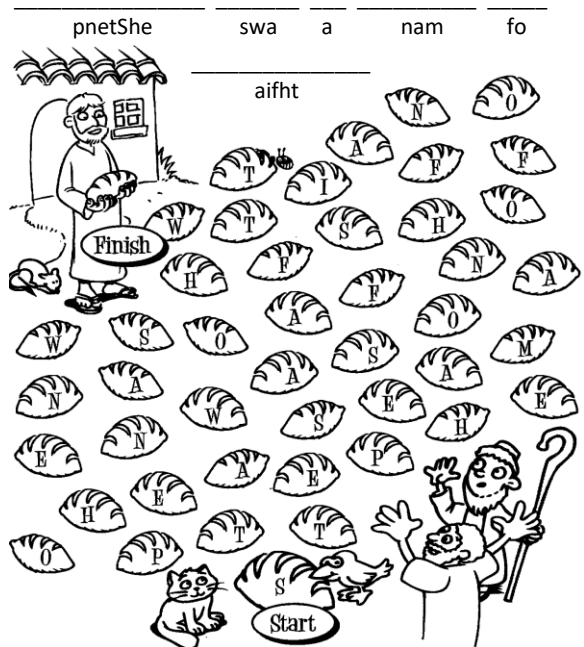
1. What was Joshua called by the author in verse 29? The s_____ of the L_____.
2. Was Israel faithful to the LORD as long as Joshua was alive (v. 31)? _____
3. Was Israel faithful to the LORD as long as the elders who served with Joshua were alive (v. 31)? _____

True or False Joshua & the elders remembered God's faithfulness & helped Israel to remember as well.

Application:

God gives to us elders (pastors), teachers, & parents who have seen God's faithfulness to help us remember God's faithfulness too. Ask one of your parents to tell you a story of a time when God showed faithfulness to them.

Unscramble the words below to find a special message about Stephen, one of God's faithful followers (Acts 6:1-7).



Now that you've unscrambled the message above, use the words to find the path from the people to Stephen.

Complete your Prayer Journal for today, and pray about it.

Prayer Journal

Honor God with your praises and respect
Examine your life for sin and confess it to God
Ask God to supply for your personal needs
Request God's help for the needs of others
Thank God for blessing you every day

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Prayer Journal *...continued*

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Prayer Journal *...continued*

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Gray Road Baptist Church, Children's Ministries

This quiet time lesson was written to coincide with the Generations of Grace Sunday School curriculum. The daily lessons represented are in conjunction with the teacher's manual to provide a fluid, consistent message to your children both in Sunday school and in their private devotions.

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Come join us on Wednesday nights in the gym!

7:00-8:30 p.m.

UNIT #4: The LORD is an awesome God.

Unit #4: Can anybody tell what the LORD is like?

Unit #4 Answer: He's not like anyone else.

Unit #4 Verse: 1 Kings 8:23 ^(ESV)

²³ O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart.

Big Idea #14: The LORD is a glorious Spirit.

Big Idea #14 Verse: John 4:23-24

Big Idea #15: The LORD is the only true God.

Big Idea #15 Verse: Psalm 86:8-10

Big Idea #16: The LORD is everywhere all the time.

Big Idea #16 Verse: Psalm 139:7-10

Big Idea #17: The LORD knows everything there is to know.

Big Idea #17 Verse: Daniel 2:20-22

Big Idea #18: The LORD is one God, yet three persons.

Big Idea #18 Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14

Big Idea #19: The LORD is holy.

Big Idea #19 Verse: Isaiah 6:1-3

Big Idea #20: The LORD is omnipotent.

Big Idea #20 Verse: Psalm 135:5-6

Big Idea #21: The LORD is faithful.

Big Idea #21 Verse: Psalm 145:13

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.