

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What was Joshua's purpose in reviewing God's leading for the Israelites from the flood to the present time?
2. How can we apply Joshua's method of admonishing the Israelites?
3. What choice did the Israelites make that we must make today?
4. What happens to us when we review the blessings of our past?
5. Joshua admonished the Israelites to put away their strange gods and incline their hearts unto the Lord God. What "strange gods" must we put away today?

### SUMMARY:

Joshua reminds the Israelites of the heritage of their forefathers and all God had done for them. He gave them the all-important choice—a choice which must be made even today by individuals: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." Joshua knew where his faith was and thus experienced strength and victory. [\[SoF:10\]](#) Can you say this for your life?

### NOTES:

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[\[SoF:10\]](#) We believe that both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; the saved unto life eternal and the lost unto eternal damnation.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #6

August 7, 2022

Third Quarter

### WHOM WILL YE SERVE?

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Joshua 24:1-28*

**LESSON SETTING:** Before his death, Joshua calls all the Israelites to Shechem.

**TIME:** Approximately 1427 B.C.

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- I. A REVIEW OF GOD'S GUIDANCE.** Joshua 24:1-13
  - A. God, A Divine Leader. Psalm 27:11; 77:20; 139:9-10
  - B. Deliverance of Israel. Exodus 14:30; Joshua 11:23; Judges 7:14; 2 Chronicles 20:22
  - C. The Promised Land. Genesis 12:7; Exodus 6:8; Judges 2:1
- II. AN EARNEST APPEAL.** Joshua 24:14-15
  - A. Fear God. Deuteronomy 10:12; Ecclesiastes 12:13; 1 Peter 1:17
  - B. Serve God. Exodus 23:25; Psalm 2:11; Ephesians 6:7
- III. AN ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE.** Joshua 24:16-28
  - A. Glorifying God. Psalm 22:23; Matthew 5:16; Romans 15:6
  - B. Choosing God. Deuteronomy 26:17; Ruth 1:16; Psalm 31:14; 63:1

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *CHOOSE YE THIS DAY WHOM YE WILL SERVE . . . AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.*

Joshua 24:15

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Judges 4:1-24

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** 1 Corinthians 1:27-31;  
Hebrews 11:32-34; 2 Peter 2:1-9

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Early Days in Canaan

**TOPIC:** ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE

**INTRODUCTION:**

Why did God choose Deborah, Barak and Jael (the wife of Heber) to deliver Israel? Why are some people chosen by God to carry out His will and others are not?

God sees into each heart and knows what the desires thereof are. A true Christian humbles himself and dedicates his complete life to God. He holds nothing back, but tells God to take all, to do with as He sees fit. He makes himself available to God without holding any wishes of His own in reserve, so that God knows which child of His He can trust with certain duties.

In our walk of life we should always be so humble in readiness and willingness to answer His call to service, that He knows He can rely upon us. When He calls, may we say, "Here am I, send me."

Deborah, Barak, and Jael were ready when the opportunity came to serve their God, and because of them Israel was saved.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Courageous women of God have often inspired men to their noblest deeds.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *GOD HATH CHOSEN THE WEAK THINGS OF THE WORLD TO CONFOUND THE THINGS WHICH ARE MIGHTY.*  
1 Corinthians 1:27

The power and might of God, the Creator, is so great that the mightiest nations, the greatest kings are very small before Him. "Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance; behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing." (Isaiah 40:15) Because the pride and strength of men is so often directed against the will of God, His help is always on the side of the meek and lowly who trust in Him. Satan was permitted to use his greatest temptations against Christ when He was weak with hunger. Yet the Son of Man received the power of the Spirit to overcome.

May we have the grace to realize that of ourselves we are nothing, so that the Holy Spirit can be strong in us. "O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle." (Psalm 140:7)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 8 – 14**

- M. \*Three Deliverers of Israel. Judges 4:1-24
- T. Deliverance Through the Judges. Judges 2:11-19
- W. Deliverance Through Othniel. Judges 3:5-11
- T. Deliverance Through Jephthah. Judges 11:1-11
- F. Deliverance Through An Angel. Acts 12:1-11
- S. God our Great Deliverer. 2 Peter 2:4-9
- S. Deliverance Yet to Come. Revelation 19:4-9

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