**Our God is a Jealous God!**

(Joshua 23 and 24) Joshua’s farewell address to Israel

* **He began his address to the people and their leaders Chapter 23**
	+ (elders, heads, judges, officers)
	+ *“Keep and do all that is written in the Book of the law of Moses, lest you turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left.”* **(6)**
	+ Otherwise, the *“anger of the Lord will burn against you, and you shall perish quickly from the good land which He has given you.”* **(16)**
* **It is important to notice the conditional nature of God’s land and people promises to Israel**
	+ Both the leaders and the people had to serve Him in righteousness!
* **Our discussion is centered in chapter 24**
* **(vs. 1-13),** **Joshua reminds the people of God’s providential care and deliverance**
	+ From Abraham to the deliverance from Egyptian bondage (vs. 1-5)
	+ From deliverance from Pharoah (Red Sea) through Wilderness wanderings (6-7)
	+ Deliverance from the Amorites and Moabites on the other side of the Jordan (8-10)
	+ Protection in taking and inhabiting the land of promise (11-12)

“I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant” **(13).**

* **“Now, therefore, fear the Lord” (vs. 14-28) READ**
	+ Emphasize the need for faithfulness (individual choices that families must make**) (15)**
	+ Joshua telling them, you can’t do it. **(19)**
	+ Joshua telling them the consequence of failure **(20)**
	+ The insistence of the people **(21-22)** *(Ironic, seeing their future idolatries)*
	+ The binding nature of the promise of faithfulness **(22)**
* **Just as the large stone served as a witness/Our baptism and confession of Christ serves as a witness of the commitment we have made**

**(1 Corinthians 6:9-11),** *“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”*

* **Have you made a sufficient commitment to serve God. Have you been faithful in that commitment?**

**(Luke 9:57-62),** *“Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, “Lord, I will follow You wherever You go.” 58 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.” 59 Then He said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” 60 Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.” 61 And another also said, “Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house.” 62 But Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”*

**(1 Corinthians 4:2),** *“Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”*

**Are you Committed? Zealous?**

**A good steward of the gift of salvation? Are you Faithful?**

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**He requires our total allegiance and service!**