

New Ground: Worship and Witness

Joshua 24

Even when everything is new, we can find our self facing the same old problems. Today we're looking at the life of Joshua to see how choosing the right worship can change our world.

We Choose What we Worship

What we Worship

- Imagination
- Income
- Effort
- Emotion

How we Worship

- Remove
- Remember
- Recognize
- Represent

Joshua 24:14-15

Now obey the Lord and worship him with integrity and loyalty. Put aside the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates and in Egypt and worship the Lord.

If you have no desire to worship the Lord, choose today whom you will worship, whether it be the gods whom your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living.

But I and my family will worship the Lord!

Remove

Joshua 24:16-17

The people responded, "Far be it from us to abandon the Lord so we can worship other gods!

For the Lord our God took us and our fathers out of slavery in the land of Egypt and performed these awesome miracles before our very eyes. He continually protected us as we traveled and when we passed through nations.

Remember

Joshua 24:19

Joshua warned the people, "You will not keep worshipping the Lord, for he is a holy God.

He is a jealous God who will not forgive your rebellion or your sins.

Joshua 24:25

That day Joshua drew up an agreement for the people, and he established rules and regulations for them in Shechem.

Recognize

Joshua 24:29-31

After all this Joshua son of Nun, the Lord's servant, died... Israel worshiped the Lord throughout Joshua's lifetime and as long as the elderly men who outlived him remained alive.

These men had experienced firsthand everything the Lord had done for Israel.

Represent

Affections // Attention