

Joshua 22-24 The Promise Stands Forever

Read Joshua 23.

1. Keeping in mind the context, look at Joshua 23:6-11 and summarize the main point of Joshua's instructions to Israel's leaders. Discuss what his instructions mean:

- verses 6-7
- verse 8
- verse 11

2. How has God proved himself to be completely faithful, and in what other ways will he prove to be faithful if Israel does not cling to him (vv. 12-16)?

Read Joshua 24.

3. As he speaks on God's behalf, what does Joshua say about Abraham and what does this tell us about God (v. 2-3)?

4. Looking at verses 3-13, the Lord reminds the people of all his acts—how he took, he gave, he sent... List his acts in the space below.

5. Astonishingly, after all this time, what do verses 14 and 23 imply? Remembering verse 2, from what and for what has God been saving his people?

6. What extraordinary options does Joshua give Israel in verse 15?

7. What point is he making and how does he emphasize his point, again and again, in verses 19-27?

8. How does the people's response to Joshua moderate our confidence in their promises, in verses 23-24? What do they fail to mention in their reply (v. 24), and what hint about the future do we find in verse 31?

Implications:

what has God done to change his people's hearts and save them, through a better Joshua—the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Read Hebrews 10:11-23. How has God saved us through the Lord Jesus, and how has he ensured a lasting change in our hearts? What enables us to rest in him, in full assurance of faith?

- We've discussed various rock piles and stone memorials in our travels through Joshua. Read 1 Peter 2:4-11 and discuss:

- o What kinds of stones does Peter talk about? How are they described and what is their purpose?

- o What qualities now characterize God's people and what are they called to do?

- How can we help one another to remember the great things God has done, and encourage one another to keep following Jesus?