

Joshua's Farewell at Gilgal

TEXT: Josh. 23

INTRODUCTION:

- A. JOSHUA - A GREAT LEADER - CONQUEST - MOSES(**24:31**).
- B. LAST SPEECH, IMPORTANT MESSAGE.
- I. JEHOVAH GOES BEFORE YOU!(1-13)**
- A. WHAT HAS GOD DONE FOR THEM?(**vs. 3-5; 9, 10**).
 - 1. A great victory for God's people.
 - 2. A great victory for us.
 - a. War! (**Eph. 6:12; 2 Cor. 10:3-6**).
 - b. Victory! (**1 Cor. 15:55-57; Rom. 8:31f.**)
 - c. through faith(**1 John 5:1-5**).
- B. CONDITIONED ON OUR DISPOSITION TOWARD GOD.
 - 1. Courage(**vs. 6**)Being a Christian demands it(**2 Tim.3:12; Heb.13:5-6**).
 - 2. Obedient(**vs. 6**)
 - a. Salvation is for the obedient(**Heb. 5:8-9**).
 - b. "neither to the right or left" - Strict, no deviation.
(**Gal. 1:6-9; 2 John 9; Heb. 8:5**)Nadab, Abihu - Uzzah -Saul.
 - 3. The enemies of God?(**vs. 7-8**).
 - a. No fraternizing(**vs. 7; 1Cor. 15:33; Eph. 5:11**).
 - b. Destroy their gods(**vs. 7; Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:17-19**).
 - c. No mixed marriages(**vs. 12-13**).
 - 4. Love(**vs. 11**)Cleave(**vs. 8**)Appreciate, Gratitude(**vs. 9**).
- C. CONSEQUENCE OF EVIL(**vs. 13**).
 - 1. No more drive them out(**1 Pet. 5:8**).
 - 2. A snare and a trap(**Col. 2:8**).
 - 3. They will perish off the land(**Deut. 28; Mat. 21:33-46**).
 - 4. Consequences for us(**Eph. 5:3; 2 Pet. 2:20-22**).
- II. JEHOVAH IS TRUE!(vs. 14-16).**
- A. ALL HAS COME TO PASS.
 - 1. The Promise to Abraham(**Gen. 15:18**).
 - 2. Repeated to Joshua(**Joshua 1:1-6**).
 - 3. Affirmation(**Josh 21:43-45; 23:14; Neh. 9:7-8**).
- B. CAN WE TRUST GOD?
 - 1. Promised deliverance(**2 Cor. 1:9-10; 2:14; 4:13-14**).
 - 2. He will deliver!(**Heb. 6:13-19; 2 Tim. 2:11-13**).
 - 3. **Rom. 8:31!**
- C. CONSEQUENCE IS SURE(**vs. 16**).
 - 1. For them(**Judges 2:1-3**).
 - 2. For us(**Gal. 6:7; Heb. 4:12-13**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. WHAT BLESSED ASSURANCE THE OBEDIENT BELIEVER HAS!
 - 1. Let's be of good courage!
 - 2. Let's obey!
 - 3. Let's gratefully appreciate His love.
 - 4. And He will never forsake.
- B. WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?