



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Joshua 24:18-27 Discussion Questions

Choose 1 or more Questions from each of the five below.

1. The people remembered that the LORD had delivered them and declared, "We also will serve the LORD, for he is our God" (Joshua 24:18).

How should remembering God's past faithfulness lead His people toward gratitude, trust, and obedience?

Why was it not enough for Israel merely to enjoy the blessings God had graciously given them?

How can remembering what God has done for us through Jesus deepen our desire to serve Him faithfully?

2. Joshua warned that the people could not serve the holy and jealous LORD while continuing to serve foreign gods (Joshua 24:19-21).

Why did Joshua challenge the people's confident promise instead of immediately accepting their words?

What do God's holiness and righteous jealousy teach us about the seriousness of divided allegiance and continuing idolatry?

How does Joshua's severe warning expose the danger of presuming upon forgiveness while refusing to repent, without closing the door of grace to those who truly turn to God?

3. Joshua told the people to put away their foreign gods and incline their hearts to the LORD, and they promised to obey His voice (Joshua 24:22-24).

Why did genuine repentance require both removing the idols and inclining the heart toward the LORD?

How can money, security, status, pleasure, or another good thing become an idol that competes with God for our supreme love and trust?

What practical changes may show that the Holy Spirit is helping a person turn wholeheartedly to God and obey Jesus?

4. Joshua made a covenant, recorded its words, and set up a stone as a witness so the people would not deal falsely with God (Joshua 24:25-27).

Why did Joshua treat the people's decision to serve the LORD as a solemn covenant rather than a passing emotional promise?

How could the written words and the memorial stone remind later generations of both God's faithfulness and their responsibility?

What forms of remembrance and loving accountability can help Christians remain faithful to their commitment to follow Jesus?

5. Jesus repeated Joshua's warning about divided allegiance: "You cannot serve God and money" (Matthew 6:24).

What attitudes and choices may reveal that money has become a master rather than a useful servant?

Why must our decision to follow Jesus rest on God's grace rather than on confidence in our own goodness or willpower?

How can someone who recognizes divided allegiance repent, receive the mercy of Jesus, and begin serving the Lord wholeheartedly today? Today? This Week?