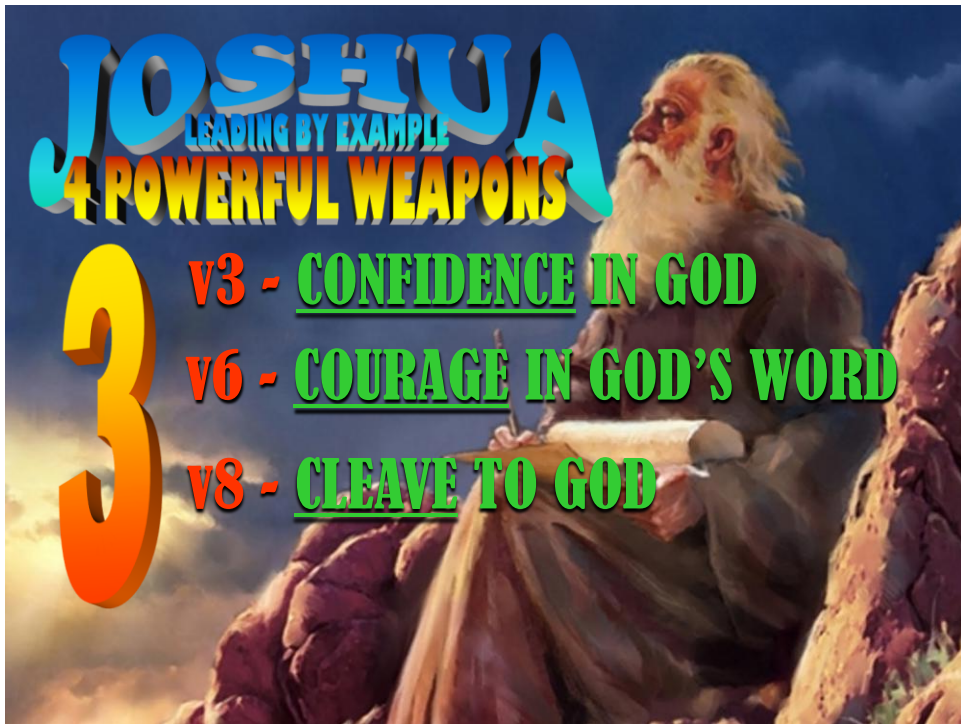


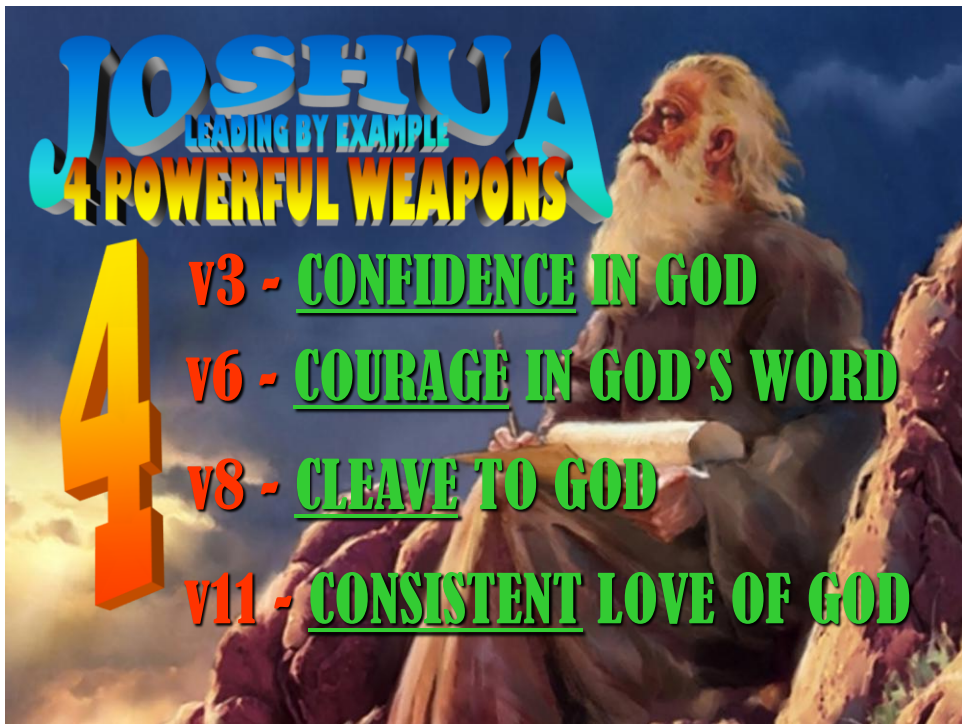
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RECOGNISE GOD'S INFLUENCE IN YOUR LIFE

- 3 And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God is he that hath fought for you.
- 5 And the LORD your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you.
- 8 But cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day.
- 10 One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you.
- 11 Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God.
- 13 Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.
- 14 And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.
- 15 Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.
- 16 When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you...

3 And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God is he that hath fought for you.

4 Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for you, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward.

5 And the LORD your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from off your face, and shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you.

6 Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of this law, that ye may abide therefrom to the right hand or to the left:

7 That ye come not among these nations, these that remain, to say, Their gods are better than the LORD our God, because we have feared them, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow down before them, for the LORD our God is he that hath fought for us.

8 But cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done hitherto, that ye may prosper.

9 For the LORD hath driven out from before you all the nations, whithersoever ye came, to stand before you unto this day.

10 One man of you shall chase a thousand, because the LORD your God hath fought for you, as he hath promised you.

11 Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye do not forsake the LORD your God, who hath done great things for you.

12 Else if ye do in any wise go and serve other gods, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, the LORD your God will consume you, and will possess these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and shall be in your sides, and shall devour your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given unto you.

14 And, behold, this day I am setting thee before thee all the earth; and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

15 Therefore it shall come to pass, that all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

16 When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

RECOGNISE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY



Know **YOU** not, that to whom **YOU** yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants **YOU** are to whom **YOU** obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that **YOU** were the servants of sin, but **YOU** have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered **YOU**. Being then made free from sin, **YOU** became the servants of righteousness. **Rom 6:16-18**

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto **YOU** the gospel which I preached unto **YOU**, which also **YOU** have received, and wherein **YOU** stand; By which also **YOU** are saved, if **YOU** keep in memory what I preached unto **YOU**, unless **YOU** have believed in vain.

For I delivered unto **YOU** first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures **1Cor 15:1-3**

RECOGNISE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY



I beseech **YOU** therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that **YOU** present **YOUR** bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is **YOUR** reasonable service.

Rom 12:1

Examine **YOURSELVES**, whether **YOU** be in the faith; prove **YOUR** own selves. Know **YOU** not **YOUR** own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in **YOU**, except **YOU** be reprobates? **2Cor 13:5**

And such were some of **YOU**: but **YOU** are washed, but **YOU** are sanctified, but **YOU** are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus **1Cor 6:11**

A painting of Joshua, an elderly man with a long white beard, sitting on a large rock. He is wearing a brown robe and is writing on a scroll with a quill. The background shows a sunset or sunrise over a rocky landscape.

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"When I take the Word seriously and meditate on it, it's not just that I learn a lot more Bible information. I fall more deeply in love with the divine Author as I read it conversationally with Him."

Ps 119:97 O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

Ps 1:1-3 Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly... **But his delight is in the law of Yahweh; and in his law doth he meditate day and night...** whatsoever he does shall prosper.



**If you want to
get your
bearings on the
battlefield
get back to the
Bible!**



“Hold fast”

“Hold fast to my instructions, never let them go, keep them – they are life to you” Prov 4.13



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"Hang on to God!"

Dabaq "to cling, cleave, keep close." Used in modern Hebrew in the sense of "to stick to, adhere to," dabaq yields the noun form for "glue" and also the ideas of "loyalty, devotion." The term is found very early in the text (Gen. 2:24) "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall **cleave** unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh." This usage reflects the basic meaning of one object being joined to another.

In this sense, Eleazar's hand "**cleaved**" to the sword as he struck down the Philistines (2 Sam. 23:10)... In time of war and siege, the resulting thirst and famine caused the tongue "**to cleave**" to the roof of the mouth of those who had been so afflicted (Vines OT)

"Hang on to God!"

He trusted in Yahweh God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him. For he **clave to Yahweh**, and departed not from following him **2Kings 18:4**

They sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would **cleave unto the Lord**. **Acts 11:19-23**

"Hang on to God!"

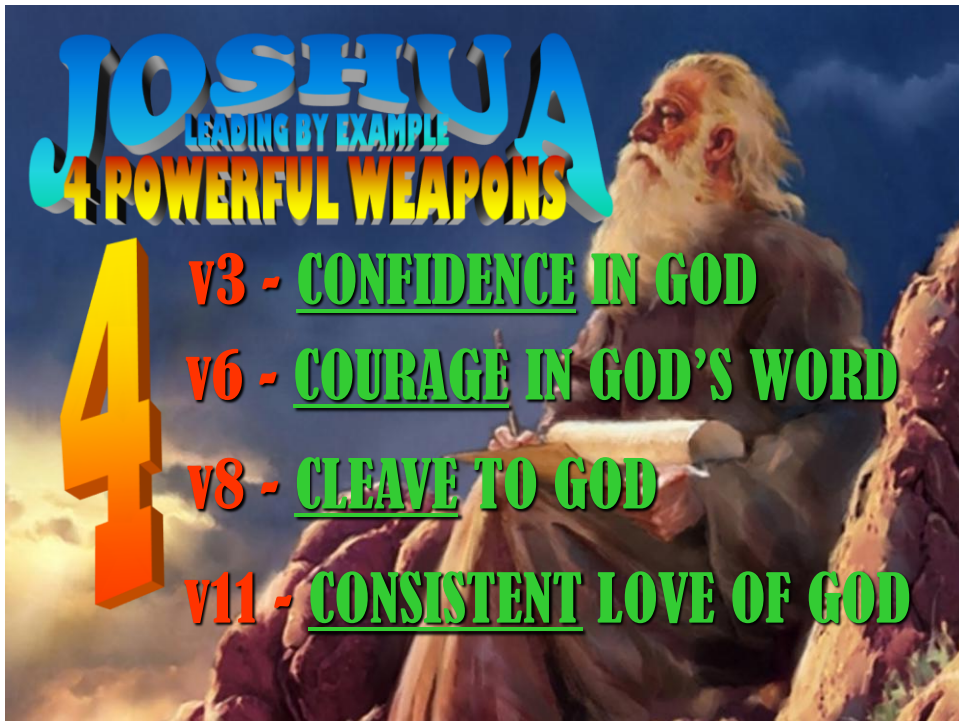
8 **But cleave** unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day.

9 For the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong; but as for you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day.

10 One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you.

11 Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye **love** the LORD your God.

12 Else if ye do in any wise go back, and **cleave** unto the remnant of these nations, **even these** that remain among you, and shall make **marriages** with them, and go in unto them, and they to you:



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“TAKE GOOD HEED OF YOURSELF AND LOVE YAHWEH”

Only **take heed to yourself**, and keep **your soul** diligently, lest you forget the things which **your eyes** have seen, and lest they depart from **your heart** all the days of **your life**; but teach them **your sons**, and your sons' sons...

Deut 4:9

Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. **Jude 1:21**

“Take heed to yourselves that you love Yahweh...”

SUPPORT

Our relationship to the ecclesia

“Joshua called for all Israel, their elders, their heads, judges and officers... you have seen what Yahweh has done for you...” v1

STUDY

Our relationship to the Word

“Be courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the Law of Moses” v6

SEPARATION

Our relationship with the world

“Come not among these nations, neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor swear, serve, bow down to them” v7

SENSITIVITY

Our relationship to others

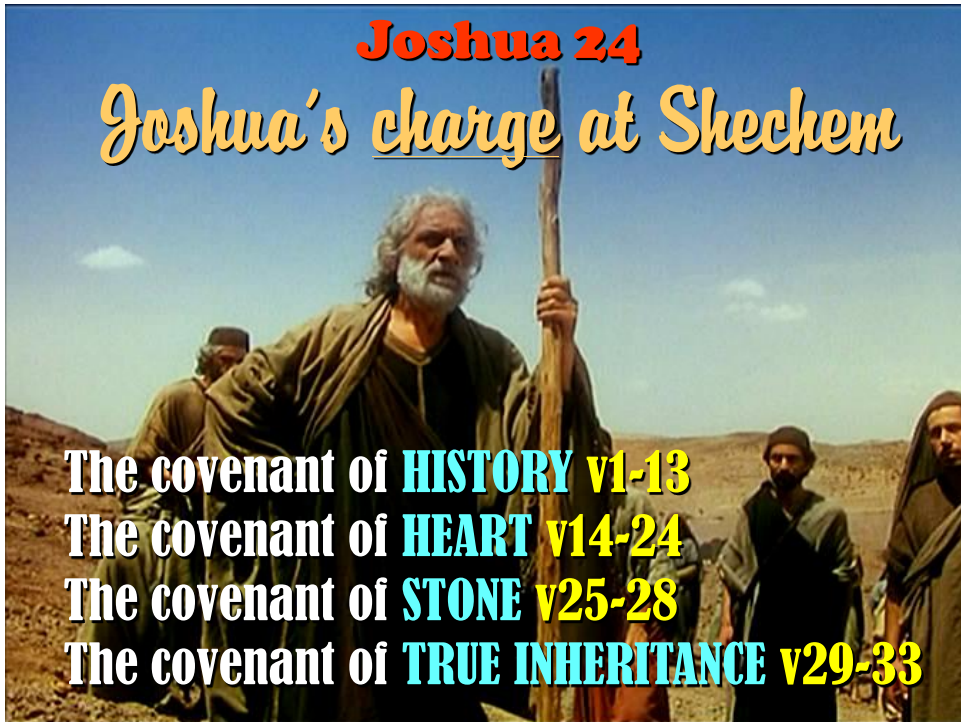
“Know for a certainty that Yahweh will no more drive out these nations from before you” v13

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the ecclesia of God... For I know this that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. **Act 20:28**

Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. **Take heed unto thyself**, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee. **1Tim 4:16**

Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. It will come like a snare... **Luke 21:34**

Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him **Luke 17:3**



Joshua 24
Joshua's charge at Shechem

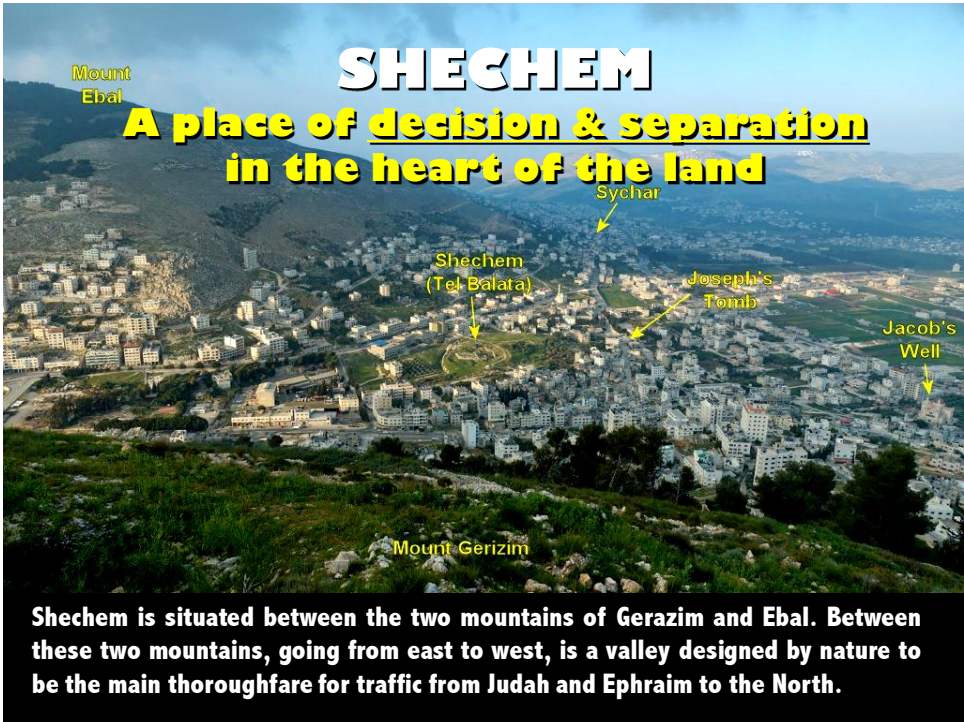
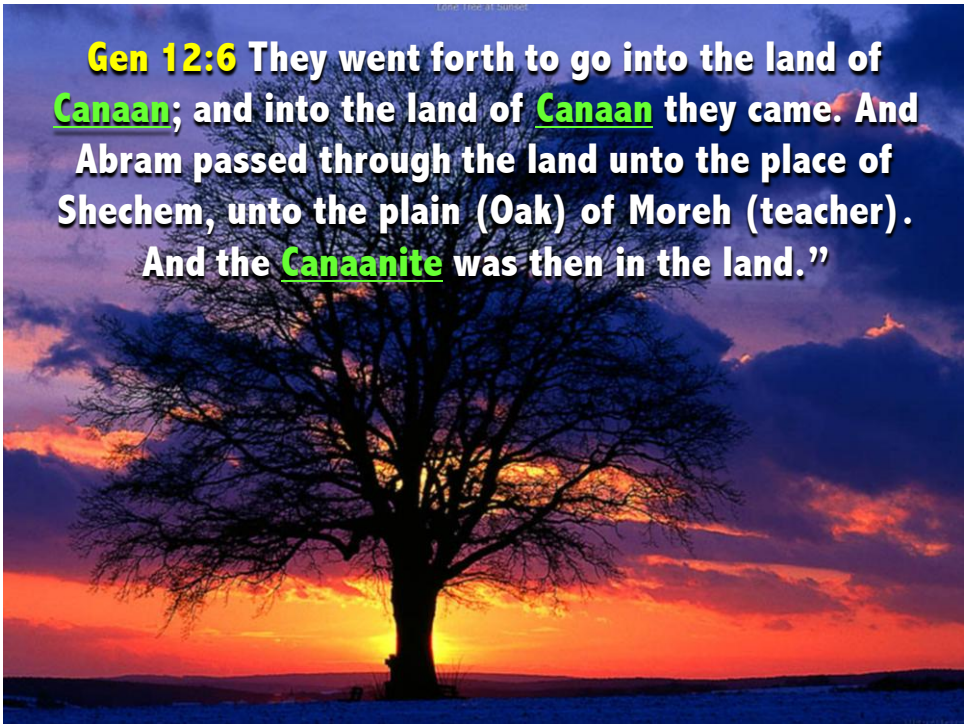
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The covenant of **TRUE INHERITANCE v29-33**



THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

**THIS GATHERING WAS SO SIGNIFICANT.
THAT THERE WAS NEVER A FEAST LIKE IT
FOR ANOTHER 1,000 YEARS!**

So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house... And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: **for since the days of Joshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.** (Neh 8:16-17)



THE CENTRAL POINT FOR MANY VITAL DECISIONS ABOUT SEPARATION

- Gen 12:6 **Abram's first destination at age 75**
Gen 33:18 **Jacob's return after 40 years of exile**
Gen 34:1 **Place of Dinah's tragic liaison with the world**
Gen 35:4 **Place where Jacob renewed his separation**
Acts 7:16 **Joseph was buried there with 11 Patriarchal fathers carried from Egypt**
Josh 8:30 **Joshua assembled Israel to renew their**
24:15,32 **covenant with Yahweh**
1Kg 12:1 **Rehoboam split the Kingdom & crowned King**
Jn 4:5 **The woman of Samaria discovered the Truth**

RECOGNISE GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN YOUR LIFE

- 3 And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood...
4 And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto Esau Mt Seir
5 I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out.
6 And I brought your fathers out of Egypt...
7 ...and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt
8 And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt on the other side Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you.
10 But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand.
11 ... and I delivered them into your hand.
12 And I sent the hornet before you,
13 And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour



GOD'S BLESSINGS

- **WORD OF GOD** - available, understandable, comprehensive
- **COVENANTS OF PROMISE** - tangible realities to embrace
- **SACRIFICE OF CHRIST** - to forgive our past sins
- **EMBLEMS** - remind us each week of God's faithfulness
- **PRAYER** - privilege of sharing, conversing with God universe
- **FATHER** - who loves us and will do His uttermost for us
- **HOPE** - a positive assurance of a far better world
- **VISIBLE EVIDENCE** - current events that conform to God's Plan
- **FELLOWSHIP** - with a vast diversity of people globally
- **INFALLIBLE GUIDE BOOK** - solutions to the complexities of life
- **ECCLESIAS** - provide opportunities for personal development



MOVE ON FROM THE PAST

2 And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt **on the other side** of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods.

3 And I took your father Abraham from **the other side** of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac.

8 And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt **on the other side** Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you.

14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served **on the other side** of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that **were on the other side** of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Escape from INDECISION

Choose God OR choose your alternative. Joshua commands them to choose who they will serve, not if they will serve.

“I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: **therefore choose life**, that both thou and thy seed may live” **Deut 30:19**

“Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you **waver** between two opinions? If Yahweh is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him” NIV. **1Kings18:21**

Escape from INDECISION

“I hate **vain thoughts** (NIV “**double-minded men**”) : but thy law do I love.” **Psalm 119:113**

I hate anyone whose **loyalty is divided**, but I love your Law. CEV

I hate those who are **undecided** about you, but my choice is clear - I love your law. NLT

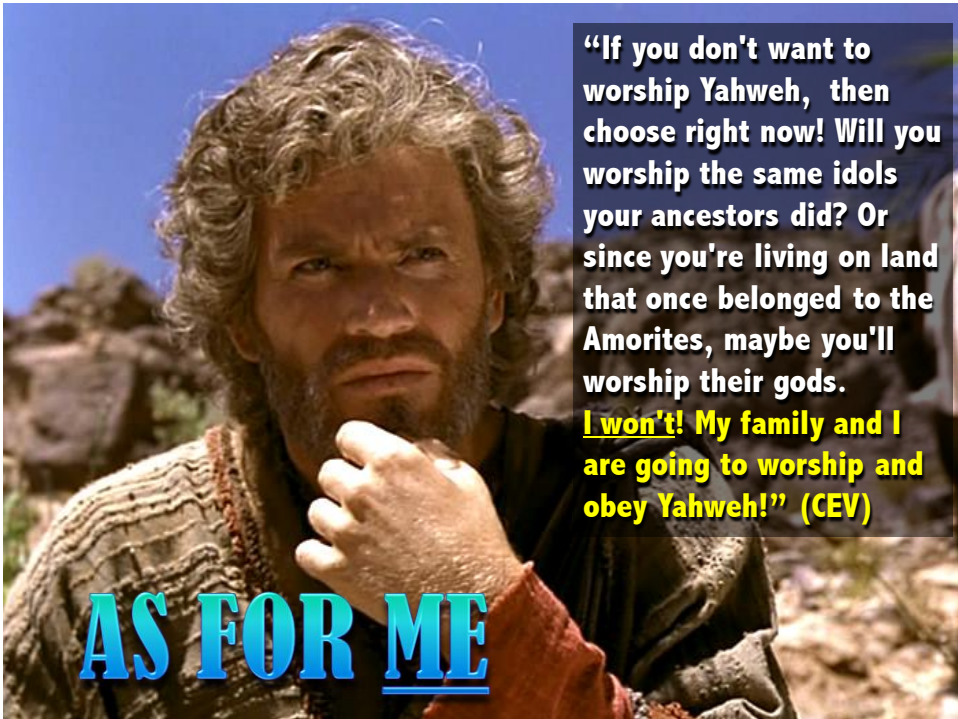
“**I will** praise thee, O Yahweh, with my whole heart; **I will** show forth all thy marvellous works. **I will** be glad and rejoice in thee: **I will** sing praise to thy name, O thou most High” **Psalm 9:1,2**

“Choose you this day who you will serve...” Josh 24:15

- *I understand the need to be decisive, to commit to Christ and to take personal ownership for all my decisions.*
- *I am determined to quit “sitting on the fence”.*
- *I am willing to be an example and try to exert a good influence on others instead of being manipulated by them.*
- *I will publicly display my faith and clearly show in conversation and lifestyle, that I am a follower of Christ.*
- *I personally commit to choosing Yahweh and the way of life He recommends for my eternal benefit.*

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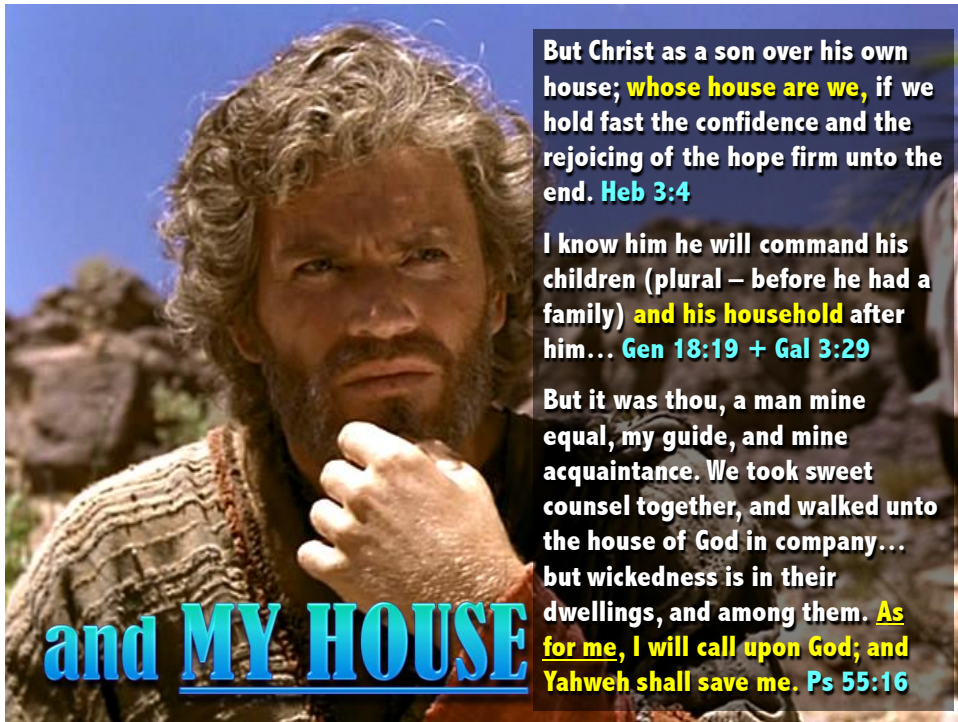
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“If you don't want to worship Yahweh, then choose right now! Will you worship the same idols your ancestors did? Or since you're living on land that once belonged to the Amorites, maybe you'll worship their gods.

I won't! My family and I are going to worship and obey Yahweh!” (CEV)

AS FOR ME

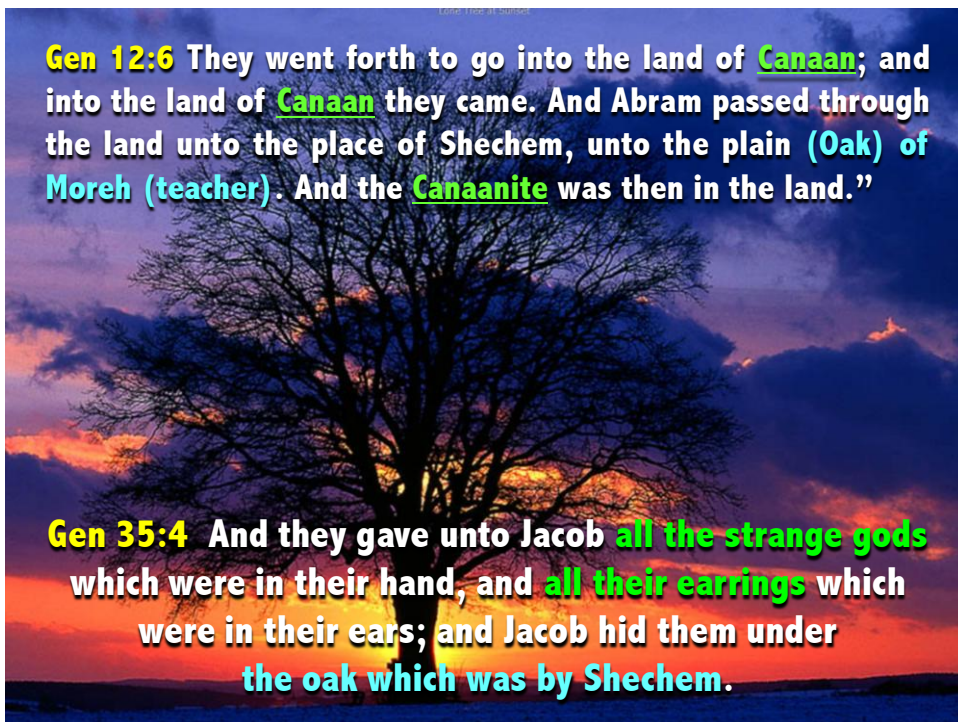


and MY HOUSE

But Christ as a son over his own house; **whose house are we**, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. **Heb 3:4**

I know him he will command his children (plural – before he had a family) **and his household** after him... **Gen 18:19 + Gal 3:29**

But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company... but wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them. **As for me, I will call upon God; and Yahweh shall save me. Ps 55:16**



Gen 12:6 They went forth to go into the land of **Canaan**; and into the land of **Canaan** they came. And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Shechem, unto the plain (**Oak**) of **Moreh (teacher)**. And the **Canaanite** was then in the land.”

Gen 35:4 And they gave unto Jacob **all the strange gods** which were in their hand, and **all their earrings** which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under **the oak which was by Shechem.**

14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;

18 And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serve the LORD; for he is our God.

19 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

21 And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD.

22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses.

24 And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

29 And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old.

31 And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that overlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of Yahweh that he had done for Israel.





JOSHUA - leading by example

**"AS FOR ME & MY HOUSE
WE WILL SERVE YAHWEH"**