

“Your eyes have seen”
Joshua 23,24

Text: Joshua 24:7

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Introduction:

We have the last publicly recorded message made by Joshua, a great general in the nation of Israel. Someone once said, "Often a mans last words are those with the greatest message.

Illustration:

Dr. Curtis Hutson's message "Things that are different are not the same."

This message from Joshua was one of great importance and of sound advice. He reminds them of the things that the had seen.

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Notice:

1. Delivering Resources

They had seen the hand of God do many amazing things.

- A. Plagues in Egypt (24:5)
- B. Crossing of the Red Sea (24:6-7)
- C. Drowning of the Egyptians (24:7)
- D. Destruction of the Enemies (24:8) See 23:3,9

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(Joshua 23:9) "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."

- E. Collapse of Jericho (24:11)
- F. Gave Them a Land Developed Without Labor

2. Doubtings Results (24:7)

A. Dwelt in the wilderness a long time.

3. Decision Required (24:15)

(Joshua 24:15) "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."

Life is made up of choices. Harvey Cox, a Harvard Professor once said, "Not to decide, is to decide not to."

Illustration:

Freddie Fulcrum weighed everything to carefully. He would say, "On the one hand ... but on the other hand." His arguments weighed out so evenly he never did anything. When Freddie died, they carved a big zero on his tombstone.

There are things that we must choose to do

A. Be courageous (23:6)

B. Keep and do His commands (23:6)

C. Turn not aside from them (23:6)

D. Cleave unto the Lord (23:11)

E. Love the Lord your God (23:11)

F. Fear the Lord (24:14)

G. Serve Him in sincerity and in truth (24:14)

1. Many today are sincere but are without the truth.

2. We must be certain that we don't allow sincerity without truth to influence us.

4. Disobedience Recompense

A. Failing to be separated (23:13)

1. The Lord will no longer drive out the enemy but they shall become snares and traps.

B. Falling to worship Idols (23:15,16; 24:20)