

IS GOD IN YOUR HOUSE

# Joshua 24:14-28

# Point 1

Fear the Lord.

# Fear the Lord

*(Josh 24:14 NIV) "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD."*

# What do we fear?

- We fear our bosses because they could fire us
- We fear our landlords because they could evict us
- We fear the police officer because he can arrest us
- We fear the judge because he can throw us into jail

# Why should we fear?

- We do our jobs at work (why would our boss fire us?)
- We pay our rent (why would the landlord evict us?)
- We keep the law (why would the police or judge need to do anything?)

# God's requirements

*(Deu 10:12 NIV) And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,*

# Want to be wise?

*(Psa 111:10 NIV) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.*

# They lived in the Fear of God

*(Acts 9:31 NIV) Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.*

## Point 2

Serve Him in all faithfulness.

# Serve Him in sincerity

*(Joshua 24:14 ESV) Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.*

# Want to be blessed?

*(Psa 119:1 NIV) Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD.*

# Hear the word

*(Luke 8:15 NIV) But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.*

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# Choose today

*(Joshua 24:15 NIV) But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve*

# Turned from Gods commands

*(Daniel 9:5 NIV) we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws.*

## Point 3

Rid yourselves of false gods .

# Put away the gods of your fathers

*(Joshua 24:14 NASB) “Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.*

# People's response

*(Joshua 24:16 NIV) Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods!"*

# A second charge

*(Joshua 24:20-21 NIV) If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you." But the people said to Joshua, "No! We will serve the LORD."*

# A third charge

*(Joshua 24:23-24 NIV) "Now then," said Joshua, "throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve the LORD our God and obey him."*

# What about your house?

*(Joshua 24:15 NIV) But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."*

# Conclusion