

Joshua's Farewell to the Leaders - Joshua 23:1-16

Topics: Advice, Challenge, Consequences, Devotion, Disobedience, Faithfulness, Idolatry, Neighbor, Obedience, Promises, Rewards, Unbelievers

Open It

1. What is one thing you would want to do if you did not have much longer to live?
- * 2. How seriously would you take a dying friend's last request? Why?

Explore It

3. When did the events of this passage take place? (23:1)
4. Why did Joshua summon the Israelites and all of their leaders? (23:2)
- * 5. Whom did Joshua credit for Israel's success in subduing their enemies? (23:3)
6. Of what promise did Joshua remind the Israelites? (23:5)
7. What specific advice did Joshua give to Israel? (23:6)
8. Why was it important for Israel not to associate with the nations around them? (23:7)
9. How was Israel capable of conquering the powerful nations that occupied the Promised Land? (23:9)
- * 10. What did Joshua say would happen to Israel if they turned away from the Lord? (23:12-13)
11. Why was it dangerous for the Israelites to intermarry with their neighbors? (23:12-13)
12. How did Joshua describe what it would be like for Israel if they chose to associate with their neighbors? (23:13)
13. Why is it significant that Joshua gave this advice to Israel when he thought he would die soon? (23:14)
14. What did Joshua believe about the reliability of God's promises? (23:14)
- * 15. What stipulation was combined with the promise of the Lord's protection of Israel? (23:16)

Get It

16. Why do you think Joshua thought it was necessary to give Israel such a harsh warning?
17. What are some of the promises you have seen God fulfill in your life?
- * 18. What specific steps can we take to insure that we carefully obey the commands God has given us?
19. With whom, if anyone, do you think God would not want us to associate today?
20. What do you think can be a snare to Christians today as Israel's neighbors were to them?
- * 21. In what way are the promises and stipulations God gave to Israel applicable to our relationships?
22. In what specific way does this passage encourage or challenge you?

Apply It

- * 23. What step could you take to protect yourself against the temptations to compromise with the world?
24. What is one promise of the Lord that you would like to remember day by day?