





# **Awesome God, Amazing Grace**

## **Joshua 24:1-33**

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Joshua 24:1 Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at **Shechem**. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves **before God**.



Gen. 12:6-7 6 Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at **Shechem**... 7 The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

Gen 33:18-20 18 After Jacob came from Paddan Aram, he arrived safely at the city of **Shechem** in Canaan.. he bought from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, the plot of ground where he pitched his tent. 20 There he set up an altar and called it El Elohe Israel [El is the God of Israel or mighty is the God of Israel].

National Recommitment Ceremony in the valley of **Shechem** (Joshua 8)  
Covenant Renewal Ceremony (Joshua 24)



## A) Character of God

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Josh.23:14b ... You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. **Every promise has been fulfilled**; not one has failed.

- His amazing grace
- His unmerited favor
- His great faithfulness

## His-story long ago... (Joshua 24:2-13)

1	I took your father...
2	(I) led him...
3	I gave him...
4	I assigned the hill country...
5	I sent Moses and Aaron...
6	I afflicted the Egyptians...
7	I brought you out...
8	I brought your people out...
9	I did to the Egyptians...
10	I brought you to the land...
11	I gave them into your hands...
12	I destroyed them...
13	I would not listen to Balaam...
14	I delivered you...
15	I gave them into your hands...
16	I sent the hornet ahead of you...
17	I gave you a land...

Record of God's overflowing covenant grace

	Joshua 24	Israelite History
1	verses 2-3	Gen.12-21
2	verses 5-7	Exo.1-12 wilderness 40 years
3	verse 6	Crossing the Red Sea
4	verses 8-10	before crossover to Jordan
5	verses 11-13	victories of the conquest

Josh.24:12b ... You **did not do it** with your own sword and bow.

## God turned Balaam's **curse** into a **blessing**

Josh.24:9-10 9 When Balak... sent for Balaam... to put a **curse** on you. 10 But I would not listen to Balaam, so he **blessed you again and again**, and I delivered you out of his hand.

Numbers 23:19-20 19 God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? 20 I have **received a command to bless**; he has blessed, and I cannot change it.



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Deut.23:5 However, the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam but **turned** the curse into a blessing for you, because **the Lord your God loves you.**

Neh.13:2b (Our God, however, **turned** the curse into a blessing.)

\* 2 Pet. 2:15-16

\* Rev. 2:14



## (B) Choose this day...

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Josh.24:15 But if serving the Lord **seems undesirable** to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living...

Deut.30:19-20 19 This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you **life** and **death, blessings** and **curses**. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live 20 and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Josh.24:15b But as for me and my household, **we will serve the Lord.**



Twice being mentioned :

**Throw away** the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt (V.14).

**Throw away** the foreign gods that are among you.. (V.23)

What to do:

- **Fear the Lord** (V.14)
- And **serve Him** with **all faithfulness**
- **Yield your hearts** to the Lord, the God of Israel (V.23)

Joshua 24:19-20 19 Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a **holy God**; he is a **jealous God**. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. 20 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.”

The people answered...

V.18 We too **will serve the Lord**, because He is our God

V.21 We **will serve the Lord**

V.24 We **will serve the Lord** our God and **obey Him**



## (C) Covenant Renewal Ceremony (Josh.24:25-28)

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### (1) Settle the deal (2) Sign the covenant (3) Set up a witness

25 On that day Joshua **made a covenant** for the people, and there at Shechem he **reaffirmed** for them decrees and laws. 26 And Joshua **recorded these things** in the Book of the Law of God. Then he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak near the holy place of the Lord.

27 “See!” he said to all the people. “This stone will be a **witness** against us. It has heard all the words the Lord has said to us. It will be a witness against you if you are untrue to your God.”

28 Then Joshua dismissed the people, each to their own inheritance.

## (D) Christ Jesus our Inheritance

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Gal.3:13-14 13 Christ **redeemed** us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.” 14 He **redeemed** us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

## Our spiritual heritage in Christ... (Eph. 1:3-14)

- ✓ Election
- ✓ Adoption
- ✓ Redemption
- ✓ Forgiveness
- ✓ Knowledge of God's will
- ✓ Inheritance of the eternal kingdom etc.

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- (A) Character of God
  - (B) Choose this day
  - (C) Covenant Renewal Ceremony
  - (D) Christ Jesus our Inheritance
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- Continuation... Transition... Succession...
  - From Generation to Generation (Discipleship)
  - Arise in God's Presence and Power!

# Discipling the Disciplers



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