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“Serving God In Today’s World”

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Joshua 24:14-25

Introduction: The Choice Of Serving God In Today’s World.

(1) Serving God Is An Inescapable Choice. (Joshua 24:14a)

*“Fear the Lord.”*

(2) Serving God Is A Sincere Choice. (Joshua 24:14b)

*“Serve Him in **sincerity** and truth.”*

(3) Serving God Is An Unavoidable Choice. (Joshua 24:14c)

*“**Serve** the Lord.”*

(4) Serving God Is A Non-Negotiable Choice. (Joshua 24:15a)

*“If it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, **choose**.”*

(5) Serving God Is An Individual Choice. (Joshua 24:15b)

*“Choose for **yourselves**.”*

(6) Serving God Is An Immediate Choice. (Joshua 24:15c)

*“Choose for yourselves **this day** whom you will serve.”*

I. The Consequence For Refusing To Serve God In Today’s World. (Joshua 24:16-20)

1. Refusing To Serve God Means \_\_\_\_\_ The Lord. (Joshua 24:16)

*“Far be it from us that we should **forsake** the Lord.”*

2. Refusing To Serve God Results In Becoming \_\_\_\_\_ To Something Else. (Joshua 24:17-18)

*“For the Lord our God is He who brought us and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of **bondage**.”*

3. Refusing To Serve God Always Results In \_\_\_\_\_. (Joshua 24:19-20)

*“If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you **harm** and consume you.”*

II. The Commitment Necessary For Serving God In Today's World. (Joshua 24:21-24)

1. We Must Declare Ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ To Serve God. (Joshua 24:21)  
*"No, but we **will serve** the Lord."*
  
2. We Must \_\_\_\_\_ Our Commitment To Serve God.  
(Joshua 24:22)  
*"You are **witnesses** against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord for yourselves, to serve Him."*
  
3. We Must \_\_\_\_\_ Anything In Our Lives That Keeps Us From Serving God. (Joshua 24:23a)  
*"**Put away** the foreign gods which are among you"*
  
4. We Must \_\_\_\_\_ Our Hearts To God If We Are Going To Serve Him.  
(Joshua 24:23b)  
*"**Incline** your heart to the Lord God of Israel."*

Conclusion: Serving God In Today's World Requires Entering A \_\_\_\_\_ With Him. (Joshua 24:24-25)

*"So Joshua made a **covenant** with the people that day."*