

# SERMON OUTLINE

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**Text** : **Joshua 24**

**Title** : **Book of Joshua for God's People Today**

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## Introduction

### Knowing God

- Our God is *faithful* to His promises (21:45; 23:14–15) and *active* in human history (11:20; 24:8)
- Our God *leads* His people in battle; He is a warring God (10:42; 23:3)
- Our God *exercises mercy* toward those who seek and submit to Him (e.g. Rehab & household and Gibeonites), but *execute judgment* against those who reject and rebel against His claim on their lives (11:20; see Genesis 15:16)
- Our God *displays* His wonders and supremacy among the Canaanite deities (2:11; 4:24; 22:22)
- Our God is a *jealous* God: He does not share His glory with another and demands absolute love and loyalty from His people (24:19–20)

### *Relevance and Challenge for us:*

What is the need of the hour when our faith is weak and hope is faint? It is an enlarged vision of God and emboldened confidence in His promises or faithfulness!

### Possessing God's Blessing: the Land

- The Land as God's Gift (1:2, 13; 21:43)
- The Land as God's Rest (1:13; 11:23; 21:44; 22:4)
- The Land as God's Inheritance (51 times – e.g. 1:6; 11:23; 13:6)

### *Relevance and Challenge for us:*

Moving from OT to NT, God's gift moves from geography to the Gospel (i.e. the Good News of Jesus Christ), from material blessing of a land flowing with milk and honey to spiritual blessing in Christ that endures through all eternity.

In a world that is plagued by hopelessness and restlessness, God offers to His people enduring hope and eternal rest (Hebrews 4 and Revelation 19:21; 22; cf. 14:11)!

## **Living As God's People**

- In covenant: called out & consecrated (7:11; 24:25)
- In combat/conquest (i.e. "holy war" or God's war)
- In celebration: Story, stories, and sacraments (5:1–12; 24:2–13)

### ***Relevance and Challenge for us:***

We live in an increasing globalised world that challenges the uniqueness of Christ, the Gospel and the Church, we need to be rooted and rested and focused people. What I mean is that we must reinforce our ***identity*** (knowing who we are), our sense of ***rootedness*** (knowing that we belong to God), and our ***mission*** (fully committed to proclaiming God's glory, which is the Gospel, among the nations)!

### **Truth for Life:**

Will we be faithful to the LORD (serve the LORD) as God's people gathered here today, just like the "Joshua generation" (24:31; Judges 2:6–7) had been?

Will PSpC be faithful to God beyond the "Joshua generation"?

Who will be on the Lord's side? Will you? Will I? Will we?