

BIBLE BOWL -2016

Lesson #6 –Joshua’s Farewell Address

Scripture Reading: Joshua 23:1-5

Introduction:

1. Joshua knows his time of departure is at hand.
2. He wishes to leave the children of Israel with the keys of spiritual success.
3. In this lesson we will examine four of these keys to spiritual success.

I. REMEMBER THE PROMISES OF GOD -23:3-5

A. GOD HAD BEEN GIVING THEM THE LAND

1. He promises to Abraham years ago –Ge 12:1-3
2. He had delivered on His promise -24:2-13

B. WE REMEMBER ALL GOD HAS BROUGHT US THROUGH

1. Personal adversities
2. Spiritual victories –i.e. the cross of Jesus giving us victory over sin and death!

II. KEEP THE LAW -23:6-10

A. PREVENTS STUMBLING

1. It is far too easy to be pulled off the path of righteousness
2. Note: De 6:6-10, Ho 4:6, Je 2:32

B. THE WORD KEEPS US IN LINE

1. Without reading we become spiritually weak
2. Without reading we become susceptible to deception

III. LOVE GOD -23:11-13

A. GUARDING AFFECTIONS

1. Marriage with enemies will lead them astray
2. This is exemplified in the life of King Solomon -1Ki 11

B. WE ALSO LOVE GOD ABOVE ALL ELSE

1. The greatest commandment –Mk 12:28-34, De 6:5
2. Keep Him first in our lives –Mt 10:37-39

IV. TAKE ACTION -24:14-15

A. JOSHUA’S CHALLENGE TO THEM

1. Choose who they will serve.
2. Put away your “gods”
3. Incline your hearts to the Living God

B. CHRISTIANS TODAY

1. Have the same determination regardless of the crowd
2. We put away anything which distracts from God –Co 3:5-ff

Conclusion:

1. We must not offer just “lip service” to God
2. We are only one generation from apostasy –Ju 2:10
3. Therefore, we must hear and do the complete will of God and teach it to our children.
4. This will give us continual spiritual success today.