

# The Declaration of Dependence

Joshua 24:1-28

- Joshua 24:1-13

- Fear the LORD (vv. 14-15)
- Serve (worship) the LORD

**1. Remembering the works of God**

So it is with habits: the older they are the stronger they grow, the longer they have held possession of the soul, the harder they will be to cast out. They grow with our growth, and strengthen with our strength. Habit is the nurse of sin. Every fresh act of sin lessens fear and remorse, hardens our hearts, blunts the edge of our conscience, and increases our evil inclination.

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- Joshua 24:14-16

- Focused on the benefits received
- We will serve the LORD, for He is our God

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**2. Resolved to do the works of God**

- Joshua 24:19-20

- He is Holy
- He is Jealous

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**2. Resolved to do the works of God**

**3. Revelation of the character of God**

• Joshua 24:21-24

- Put away foreign gods
- Incline your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel

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- 3. Revelation of the character of God**
- 4. Requirement for exclusive dependence**

• Joshua 24:25-28

- Written words
- Spoken words

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- 2. Resolved to do the works of God**
- 3. Revelation of the character of God**
- 4. Requirement for exclusive dependence**
- 5. Record of Israel's Declaration of Dependence**

Christian congregations are founded on a recognition of our own poverty, our own spiritual need, and Christ's fullness. Christ died to procure mercy, and he calls you to turn away from your sins and to trust in Him [alone].

**Mark Dever**

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