

## **Sermon Outline:** “A General’s Last Message” Joshua 23 & 24

INTRODUCTION: *Famous words from military generals...*

### I. JOSHUA REMINDS ISRAEL OF PAST BLESSINGS

- A. God has fought for them & brought victories (23:1-3,9)
- B. In Christ, he has done the same for us (Eph. 2;1; Titus 3:5; 1 Pt. 2;244; 3;18)

### II. JOSHUA REMINDS ISRAEL OF THEIR PRESENT RESPONSIBILITY

- A. They are to put away false gods & return to the true God (24:14-15)
- B. We are reminded of the same regarding our idolatry
- C. Disaster comes with willing disobedience (23:16)
- D. Disaster comes with the prevalent modern attitude: *I will do as I please...*

### III. JOSHUA REMINDS THEM OF FUTURE BLESSINGS

- A. God will deliver them from their enemies (23:5,8)
- B. In Christ, such deliverance is ours
- C. Deliverance over - the devil (I Jn.4:4) - the world (Jn. 16:33) - sin (Rom. 6:14) - death (Jn. 14:1-2)

### IV. JESUS, OUR GENERAL, HAS A LAST WORD FOR US

- A. It is a word of forgiveness, from the battlefield of the cross (Lk. 23:34, 42-43)
- B. It is a word of victory from the same battlefield (Lk. 23:46)

CONCLUSION: *No longer glued to our sins...*