



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**LIFE ASKS NO QUESTIONS THAT FAITH CANNOT ANSWER!**

**Sermon Series: Possessing the Promises of God!**

(A Study through the Book of Joshua)

**“A Declaration to Possess the Promises!”**

Sermon Text: Joshua 24:1-28 [NLT](#)

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## INTRODUCTION

The officials at this gathering were the same as in Chapter 23

—the elders, leaders, judges, and officials (23:2)

—but this time the **entire nation** is also mentioned as being present

“... all the people,” 24:1)

They all presented themselves “before God,” which was undoubtedly before the ark.

Joshua gathered the Israelites at Shechem:

- new location for their national gatherings
- most recently the setting appears to have been at Shiloh: (18:1)

This is the first time this important city is mentioned in Joshua (except in the land distribution lists), although the covenant renewal ceremony in Joshua 8:30–35 took place at Mount Ebal, near Shechem.

- It was at Shechem that God first promised to give Abraham the land (Gen 12:6–7),
- Now, centuries later, God’s promises finally had come true
- The covenant was renewed in the very place where he had made them.

God had given His declaration to Abraham some 450 years before.

**Now** what He declared had come true.

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## 1) WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO \_\_\_\_\_ OR MAKE A DECLARATION

### A. God Tells us to Declare

- † Exodus 9:16 NKJV
- † Leviticus 23:44 NKJV
- † Deuteronomy 4:14 NKJV

### B. **To Declare** (Hebrew: *neged*) means before.

- *Root basically denotes “to place a matter high, conspicuous before a person.”*
- *Conspicuous (def) Standing out; to be clearly visible*
- *The arabic nagada means “be conspicuous.”*
- *Usually the “matter” was previously unknown or unknowable to the object.*
- *The meaning is further enlightened by considering the following synonymous parallels: ’āmar “to say” and šāma “to make known.”*

### C. **To Declare** means say something in a solemn and emphatic manner.

### D. **A Declaration** means a formal or explicit statement or announcement: the formal announcement of the beginning of a state or condition.

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## 2) JOSHUA’S DECLARATION ASSURES HIS \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE PROMISES OF GOD - Josh 24:15

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## 3) WHAT SHOULD \_\_\_\_\_ OUR DECLARATION

### A. Our Historical Happenings - Joshua 24:1-7 [NLT](#)

What is your historical testimony?

- *What has God Done for You!*
- *Take a moment to remember!*

### B. Our Current Conversant (*something that we are familiar with or knowledgeable about - GOD*)

1. Present Experience – Joshua 24:8-10 [NLT](#)
2. Past Exploits – Joshua 24:11 [NLT](#)
3. Provisional Enhancements – Joshua 24:12-13 [NLT](#)

### C. Our Determine Devotion must be based on:

1. A Strong Commitment – Joshua 24:14-15 [NLT](#)
2. A Stable Conviction – Joshua 24:16-18 [NLT](#)
3. A Sincere Compliance – Joshua 24:19-22 [NLT](#)

### D. Our Covenant Commitment Requires:

1. Prioritizing God – Joshua 24:23-24 [NLT](#)
  2. Practicing God’s Word – Joshua 24:25-26 [NLT](#)
  3. Proclaiming God’s Word – Joshua 24:27-28 [NLT](#)
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