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Beware of a Backwards Religion

The question confronting
TODAY'S CHURCH:

I. Who wins if I had to choose
between what I LIKE and WHAT
GOD WANTS?

Joshua 24:15

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

“Serve” - 9 times in
chapter V

14, 15, 18, 19, 21, 22&24

(Hebrew) abad - to be
bonded to or imposed
upon

II. The enemy doesn't want you to stop serving God. He just wants you to let him be your side piece. "God doesn't mind sharing me because he loves me, right?"

Joshua 24:22&23

22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the Lord, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses.

23 Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the Lord God of Israel.

III. The new practice when we don't like God's Principles is to simply try to change them.

First words satan ever spoke
on earth:

Genesis 3:1 (NIV)

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

IV. Each generation is responsible for establishing its own relationship with God.

Joshua 24:25-26

25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the Lord.

V. So what if we decide to do it our way and serve our desires?

2 Timothy 3:1-2

1 But understand this, that in the last days dangerous times [of great stress and trouble] will come [difficult days that will be hard to bear].

2 For people will be lovers of self [narcissistic, self-focused], lovers of money [impelled by greed], boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane,

2 Timothy 3:3-5

3 [and they will be] unloving [devoid of natural human affection, calloused and inhumane], irreconcilable, malicious gossips, devoid of self-control [intemperate, immoral], brutal, haters of good,
4 traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of [sensual] pleasure rather than lovers of God,
5 holding to a form of [outward] godliness (religion), although they have denied its power [for their conduct nullifies their claim of faith]. Avoid such people and keep far away from them.

2 Chronicles 7:14

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

STUDY NOTES

In order to truly transform any nation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, these seven mountains of influence in society that shape human existence must be reached. The mountains are:

- The Mountain of Family (The foundation)
- The Mountain of Education (Building mindsets)
 - The Mountain of Media (Influence, mind and control systems)
 - The Mountain of Arts & Entertainment
 - The Mountain of Politics and Government
 - The Mountain of Religion
 - The Mountain of Economy and Business

The concept of the seven mountains of influence

Joshua 24:13&14

13 And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.

14 Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord.