

**“Joshua said to the people,  
“You are not able to serve the  
LORD. He is a holy God; he is a  
jealous God. He will not forgive  
your rebellion and your sins.”  
(Joshua 24:19)**

Many people they will say we will serve the LORD as the people at the time of Joshua said, **“We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.” (Joshua 24:18)** And they want someone to agree with them and encourage them to go on and do so.

That is what is needed to be done and that what people should focus on to live their lives for God and to serve Him.

But when we know that the people are playful and they have many desires and inclinations that is not fit with God and His word then we need to tell them frankly as Joshua said to the people who said to him we will serve the LORD. We need to tell them, **“You are not able to serve the LORD?”**. For the following reasons:

**1- He is a holy God:** You are not living in holiness; still worldly, loving friends and get indulge in worldly things and in a worldly way.

**2- He is a jealous God:** **“Throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel” (Joshua 24:23)** Give your hearts fully to the LORD. Throw away all

your idols, your ambitions, your love of money and wrong practices that contract God’s word.

**3- He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins:** Don’t think that your service and your effort to do ministry unto God will atone for your wrong doing and it can be a cover up for your sins.

Repentance is the first service and the fruitful ministry unto the LORD. That is what you need to do and right now. If your motive is clean and willing to abide with all what God said and ordained in His word then this is the acceptable life and service unto the LORD as you agree to pray.

### **My Prayer**

**Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for our sins to give me eternal life. LORD thank you for your clear word to me. Truly I cannot hide from you. I repent from the following sins \_\_\_\_\_ . I renounce all the following practices \_\_\_\_\_ . And throw away the following idols \_\_\_\_\_ . I humble myself into your loving hand to accept me once again as your child to live my life for you and to serve you. This is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.**

# **The Lord Is My Shepherd**

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**“Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”**

*(Matthew 4:10)*

**“<sup>14</sup>Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.  
<sup>15</sup>But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”**

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*(Joshua 24:14-15)*