

A Firm Foundation

Joshua 5.2-15
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Introduction

- what three things are needed to hold someone up, especially when they are going face extreme challenges?

Main Points

1. _____ – vs. 2-9
 - circumcision as the sign of the _____
 - circumcised hearts
 - Romans 2.25-29
 - commitment leads to _____
2. _____ – vs. 10-12
 - Passover was the ultimate feast of _____
 - part of the covenant
 - Exodus 24.8-11
 - worship leads to deeper _____
3. _____ – vs. 13-15
 - Theophany – a physical _____ of God
 - God is on God's side
 - God's angel (*cf.* Gn. 31:11; Ex. 3:2; 14:19) and his angelic captain (*cf.* Dn. 10:5, 20) were also treated with equal respect. He tells Joshua that he is neither for Israel nor her enemies. He is *commander of the army of the LORD*, including his angels (2 Ki. 6:15–17; Ps. 103:20–21), not an ally (3:10).¹

- a proper _____ of who God is affects our worship and commitment

Conclusion

- the ability to thrive spiritually in the face of difficult times is the result of
 - a strong _____
 - passionate _____, and
 - a clear _____ of who God really is and what He's about

¹ Waltke, B. K. (1994). [Joshua](#). In D. A. Carson, R. T. France, J. A. Motyer, & G. J. Wenham (Eds.), *New Bible commentary: 21st century edition* (4th ed., p. 243). Inter-Varsity Press.