

"Choose For Yourself"

Introduction

Scripture Reading: Joshua 24:14-24

1. As was the case in Joshua's day, man has always been faced with the task of making decisions.

A. Adam and Eve

Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-6

B. Moses

Hebrews 11:23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.

C. Joshua

Joshua 24:15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

We Must Choose Between Right and Wrong

1. God has always allowed mankind to make his/her own decisions.

A. God wants us to make the right decision according to His will, but ultimately he lets us decide which path we want to take in life.

Verses on Charts:

Isaiah 7:16

Deuteronomy 1:39

Hebrews 5:12-14

Colossians 3:25

B. There is a need for us to read and study our Bible to be able to KNOW and to DO.

Choose the God of the Bible

1. Ultimately – we MUST choose the God of the Bible if we really want to go to Heaven. Ask “do I really want to go to Heaven above anyone or anything else?”

Verses on Charts:

1 Kings 18:21

Joshua 24:15

Exodus 20:3

Matthew 4:10

Ephesians 4:5

Acts 17:28

Choose the Good Part

1. **We Must choose the good part, that which is pleasing to God in all decisions and choices we make in our daily lives.**

A. Luke 10:38:42

- 1) **Mary chose the “good part” - choosing to be with Jesus while she had the opportunity to do so.**

B. We must choose to hear the word of God.

Acts 13:7Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and **sought to hear the word of God.**

- 1) **There are a few reasons for making the choice of hearing the word of God:**

- a. **It produces faith**
Romans 10:17

- b. **It leads us to salvation**

Acts 11:14 who will **tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.**'

James 1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and **receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.**

2. **Our “delight” should be in “the law of the Lord.”**
Psalms 1

Choose a Good Name

1. **A good name is something that every person should strive to gain as we go through life. It is valuable and precious before God.**

Proverbs 22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
Loving favor rather than silver and gold.

2. **A son and daughter should never do anything which will dishonor their good name.**
3. **The name "Christian" is a name to be treasured. A true, Bible Christian has made it known that they are committed to serving Christ first and foremost 24/7!**
Acts 11:26
Acts 26:28
1 Peter 4:16

James 2:7 Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?

Choose to Serve God Over Pleasures for a Season

1. **Pleasures in life will come and go. But the choices we make in serving Christ above all else will last for an eternity with Him!**
 - A. **Moses**
Hebrews 11:23-28
 - 1) **Moses certainly recognized this. He was devoted to God. He knew everything else would perish, but being with God forever is what he lived for.**

Choices Which Will Determine Our Destiny

Matthew 7:13-14 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

1. There are two gates: the broad and the straight
2. There are two ways: the wide and the narrow
3. There are two groups: the many and the few
4. There are two destinies: destruction or life
5. There are two foundations: the rock and the sand
Matthew 7:21-27
6. There are two kinds of righteousness: man's and God's
Romans 10:1-3

Conclusion

1. As Joshua said "Choose For Yourselves this Day."

2 Corinthians 6:2 For He says: "IN AN ACCEPTABLE TIME I HAVE HEARD YOU, AND IN THE DAY OF SALVATION I HAVE HELPED YOU." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Hebrews 3:7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "TODAY, IF YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE,

2. Please, decide today, right now, to be a child of God and be determined to make the right choices to live a life dedicated to God and His service, so as to live with Him in eternity!

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