

CHOOSE LIFE

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Deut. 30:19 *I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:*

God is giving Israel instruction in Kingdom living prior to their possession of the land.

They have already been delivered, blessed and achieved a limited amount of success.

Now they are preparing to walk in the full blessing of God.

I. A Matter Of Choice.

- A. Humans are free moral agents with the ability to make choices in life.
 - 1. Neither God nor the devil *makes* us do and/or say anything.
 - a. Set and established by God.

II. Correct Choices Are The Keys To Success.

- A. Choosing is power. Correct choices are the difference between;
 - 1. Life and death.
 - a. The God-kind of life, or the way that God lives.
 - [1.] Eternal.
 - [a.] You chose eternal life when you asked Christ into your life.
 - [b.] Both Heaven and hell are individual personal choices.
 - [2.] Abundant.

John 10:10 *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*
 - b. Is passed on to future generations.
 - 2. Blessing and cursing.
 - a. Man was created to be blessed by God and enjoy those blessings.

Gen. 1:27-28 *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. :28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

 - [1.] The dominant creature. Part of the creator.

III. Choose Life.

- A. Choose to fulfill your destiny.
 - 1. God had predestined us.
Eph. 1:11 *In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:*
 - a. Will not automatically be fulfilled, but requires our cooperation in making the right choices.
- B. Choose to be obedient.
 - 1. Obedience is better than sacrifice.
1Sam. 15:22 *...Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,...*
 - a. Obedience to the Word on a daily basis.
 - [1.] Acting on the Word is faith in action.
 - [2.] Speak in obedience to the Word.
Prov. 18:21 *Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*
 - b. Just living a *religious* life does not mean that you're obedient.
- C. Choose to be a loving person.
 - 1. God is love.
1John 4:8 *He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.*
 - 2. Loving others transcends emotion, for love, like faith, is an action.
John 15:13 *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*
John 15:12 *This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.*
1John 4:20 *If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?*
 - 3. Loving God.
John 14:21 *He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

Life is filled with choices, determine in your heart to always choose life.

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