

CHOICE

1 Kings 18:39 (KJV)

³⁹ And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, the LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

Psalms 16:2 (NIV)

² I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."

Psalms 31:14 (NJKV)

¹⁴ But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

Psalms 73:25 (KJV)

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

Psalms 140:6 (CEV)

⁶ You, LORD, are my God! Please listen to my prayer.

Deuteronomy 7:6 (KJV)

⁶ For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

Ephesians 1:4 (AMP)

⁴ Even as [in His love] He chose us [actually picked us out for Himself as His own] in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and blameless in His sight, even above reproach, before Him in love.

James 2:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Listen, my beloved brethren: Had God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

1 Peter 2:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Deuteronomy 11:26-28 (KJV)

²⁶ Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; ²⁷ A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: ²⁸ And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

Deuteronomy 30:1-20 (NKJV)

The Blessing of Returning to God

¹ “Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you, ² and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³ that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you. ⁴ If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. ⁵ Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. ⁶ And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. ⁷ “Also the LORD your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. ⁸ And you will again obey the voice of the LORD and do all His commandments which I command you today. ⁹ The LORD your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For the LORD will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers, ¹⁰ if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

The Choice of Life or Death

¹¹ “For this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ ¹³ Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ ¹⁴ But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it. ¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, ¹⁶ in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other god and serve them, ¹⁸ I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan and go in and possess. ¹⁹ This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will gibe you many years in the land he swore to gibe to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

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.

Proverbs 16:9 (NKJV)

⁹ A man’s heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.

Jeremiah 21:8 (NIV)

⁸ “Furthermore, tell the people, ‘This is what the LORD says: See, I am setting before you the way of life and the way of death.

Joel 3:14 (KJV)

¹⁴ Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

John 1:12 (CEV)

¹² Yet some people accepted him and put their faith in him. So he gave them the right to be the children of God.

John 3:36 (KJV)

³⁶ He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 10:17-18 (CEV)

¹⁷ The Father loves me, because I give up my life, so that I may receive it back again. ¹⁸ No one takes my life from me. I give it up willingly! I have the power to give it up and the power to receive it back again, just as my Father commanded me to do.

John 15:16 (KJV)

¹⁶ Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

1 Corinthians 4:21 (NIV)

²¹ What do you prefer? Shall I come to you with a whip, or in love and with a gentle spirit?

Philippians 1:23 (AMP)

²³ But I am hard pressed between the two. My yearning desire is to depart (to be free of this world, to set forth) and be with Christ, for that is far, far better;

1 Thessalonians 1:4 (CEV)

⁴ My dear friends, God loves you, and we know he has chosen you to be his people.