

WE MUST MAKE CHOICES.

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read the text: Josh. 24:15.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Joshua's farewell address to Israel.
2. Reminds them of God's past blessings (**vss. 2-13**).
3. Challenges them to put away idols and serve God. (**vss. 14-25**).

C. Joshua's memorable words in verse 15:

1. Joshua's words contain some important implications about man and choosing.
2. The question is not will we make choices, but rather what choices will we make?

I. GOD HAS GIVEN MAN THE POWER TO CHOOSE.

A. God has not robbed man of choice (Calvinism).

1. Unconditional election, irresistible grace, unconditional security.
2. Some say, "What is to be will be" in life's events. We have no choice!

B. From the beginning God has allowed men to make choices.

1. Satan and his angels made the choice to rebel against God (**Jude 6; Matt. 25:41**).
2. Adam and Eve: **Gen. 3**.
3. David faced a choice and he failed to make the right choice (**2 Sam. 11:1-5**).
4. The word of God teaches that we must make choices.
 - 1) **Deut. 30:19**.
 - 2) **Matt. 11:28**.
 - 3) **John 6:35**.
 - 4) **John 7:37**.
 - 5) **Rev. 22:17**.

C. Salvation is not forced upon anyone!

II. THE RESPONSIBILITY TO CHOOSE.

A. One should choose after a thorough study of the subject (Acts 17:11**).**

1. Choices must not be made on mere sentiment or emotion.
 - 1) **2 Kings 5:11**.
 - 2) **Acts 23:1**.
 - 3) **1 Kings 18:21**.
 - 4) **Rev. 3:15-16**.
2. We cannot make proper choices without proper information.

B. One must accept the results of his choices (Gal. 6:7** reap what we sow).**

1. We choose either life or death (**Rom. 6:23**).
2. **Hebrews 11:23-26**.

C. One must make choices every day — "Choose... this day."

1. Each Lord's Day (**Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2**; etc.).
2. Each and every day decisions are made that identifies who we are.
 - 1) Good: **Matt. 5:16; 1 Pet. 3:16**.
 - 2) Or bad: Demas (**2 Tim. 4:10**); Judas (**Luke 22:47**).

III. CONCLUSION:

A. Let us recognize our options — Many wrong ways but only one right way.

B. Let us recognize our choices affect others — "Me and my house."

C. Let us recognize that choices can be of eternal consequence.

D. Let us recognize that when we have the facts, we must then make a choice.