

Choose God: The Ultimate Choice for Life

Introduction:

- A. [BTR – “Choose Live” video]
- B. [“*The greatest power we possess is the power to choose.*” – **John Maxwell**]
- C. What is the ultimate choice?
- D. Deuteronomy 30:15-20
- E. “*We must all make a choice either to find eternal life in God or eternal death without Him.*”
- F. Moses is summing up his message to Israel...
- G. From this summery statement we find the most import choice given...
- H. 2 Truths about the ultimate choice:
 - I. A choice is set before you now.
 - a. You may choose life and good. (15a&16)
 - i. Israel
 1. Moses was telling the people that if they wanted to truly enjoy real life and blessing they need a relationship with God.
 2. They were to “love the LORD”
 - a. It was to be a love that could be seen...
 - b. They were to walk in His ways...
 - c. ...keep His commandments, statures, & Judgments.
 3. If they had a true relationship with God...
 - a. They would live...spiritually & physically in the Promised Land...
 - b. They would multiply as a people...
 - c. God would bless them in their new land.
 - ii. Us – We too my choose life & good...

1. “*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*” – Jn. 3:16-18
 2. There is still a choice for life!
 - a. If we place our faith in Jesus Christ...
 - b. We will be given eternal life.
 3. We must understand that just as there was a call for a relationship with God in the O.T., there is still a call for a relationship in the N.T.!
 - a. To believe in Jesus means that we believe that He is the Son of God...
 - b. That we believe that He gave His live for our sins...
 - c. However, to truly believe in Christ means that we receive Christ...
 - d. “*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name*” – Jn. 1:12
 - e. Thus as a believer, we turn from this life of sin and we turn to follow Jesus.
 - f. [**Bo Jackson & Deion Sanders**]
- b. You may choose death and evil. (15&17-18)

- i. Israel
 - 1. Moses tells the people that if they don't have a relationship with God, then they would be choosing death & evil.
 - 2. He points out that their actions will be revealed if they have a broken relationship with God.
 - a. Their hearts will be turned away from God...
 - b. They will not hear Him...
 - c. They will be drawn away by idols...
 - 3. They needed to know that there were consequences for choosing death and evil:
 - a. They will perish, both spiritually and physically...
 - b. Also their days will be cut off from the Promised Land.
- ii. Us – We too could choose death & evil...
 - 1. *“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.”* – Matt. 7:13-14
 - 2. Sadly this is the choice most taken
 - a. What is the broad gate and way?
 - b. Eternal death...Hell
 - 3. Death and evil is what all of us will receive, even if we choose not to choose!
 - a. *“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”* – Jn. 3:36

- b. Our sin has caused us to have a broken relationship with God...
- c. Sin has turned our hearts away from God and deafened our ears from hearing His truth!
- d. We have all been drawn away by idols
- e. If we decide not to accept Jesus or just strive to stay natural, we will inherit death in hell.
- f. **[Truth is uncomfortable]**

“So we know that there is a choice to make, now what are we going to do about it...?”

II. Choose life, that you might live.

a. You should choose blessing over cursing. (19)

i. Israel

- 1. Moses was calling to people to accountability...
 - a. Both heaven and earth were witnesses to the fact that they needed to make a choice...
 - b. **[Before God and Man – Wedding]**
- 2. The choice was plain and simple: life and death, blessing and cursing.
 - a. There wasn't 3rd option...
 - b. There wasn't a way to dodge the bullet...
 - c. There was a choice to make
- 3. Moses wanted them to choose life.
 - a. It is the only wise option...
 - b. But also their decision for God would affect their children and the following generations...

- ii. Us – We too need to choose blessing over cursing!
 1. *“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord”* – Acts 3:19
 2. When we choose Christ, we choose...
 - a. Blessing over cursing...
 - b. Life over death...
 3. There is a clear choice and we must choose life!
 - a. When we find real life in Christ...
 - b. Our sins are blotted out!
 - c. We receive a life that experiences seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord!
 - d. **[It will impact other generations as well]**
- b. You should choose the One who is your life. (20)
 - i. Israel
 1. Moses points out that a choice for life is a choice for God.
 - a. “He is your life and the length of your days”
 - b. God is the true source of life, both physical and spiritual...
 2. Thus if they choose God it would be seen in their relationship with God:
 - a. They would love Him
 - b. They would obey Him
 - c. They would cling to His voice
 3. On the physical side of it, if they chose God, they would be permitted to dwell in the land God swore to Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob.
 - ii. Us – We too need to choose God!

1. **Jn. 14:6**
2. The choice for life is still a choice for God!
 - a. Jesus (God the Son) is the way to eternal life...
 - b. Jesus is the truth leading to eternal life...
 - c. Jesus is the life!
3. Jesus is calling for a relationship with Him and Him alone.
 - a. Jesus is calling for us to walk with Him
 - b. To love & obey Him
 - c. To cling to His voice
 - d. *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. I and My Father are one.”* – Jn. 10:27-30
 - e. **[When Jesus called this sheep]**

Conclusion

- A. Have you made the ultimate choice?
- B. Remember that the choice is set before you today!