

Make the Right Choice

Matthew 19:16-24

Deuteronomy 30:11-20

MATTHEW 19:16-24

- » 16 + ¶ And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?
- » 17 + And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.
- » 18 + He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,
- » 19 + Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- » 20 + The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?
- » 21 + Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.
- » 22 + But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.
- » 23 + ¶ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- » 24 + And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

HEBREWS 11:23-26

- » 23 + By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.
- » 24 + By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;
- » 25 + Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;
- » 26 + Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

DEUTERONOMY 30:11-20

- » 11 + ¶ For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.
- » 12 + It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?
- » 13 + Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?
- » 14 + But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.
- » 15 + ¶ See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;
- » 16 + In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.
- » 17 + But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;
- » 18 + I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.
- » 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:
- » 20 + That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

57-0613 THIRSTING.FOR.LIFE_ INDIANAPOLIS.IN THURSDAY_

« E-14 † And let's take a little picture like this. God, the fountain of all life, and the Logos that went out of God, that brood over the earth, and as He was brooding... Or the word means like "mothering," or "cooing."

The first thing as He brood, the little moistures begin to come together, and a little flower raised up. God said, "That's good. Just keep on brooding." And the next thing, the grass and vegetation comes up. "That's beautiful. Just keep on brooding." Then the trees came up. "That's beautiful," said God. "Just keep on brooding." The birds flew from the dust. "Wonderful, just keep brooding." The animals come from the dust. "Keep on brooding." And then man came from the dust. God brought man up out of the dust of the earth. We're told we're made of sixteen elements of the earth, potash, calcium, petroleum, cosmic light, and so forth.

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« E-15 † And if we had been brought to this place by the grace of God, and we're free moral agents to make a choice, and if the Holy Spirit that brood us from the earth, and starts to brooding to our hearts, and we accept Him, and brood back to Him, how much more is He able to raise us up in the last days, when we got a chance to make a choice.

So it could only be through the brooding of the Holy Spirit. That's how life comes, is by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore you can only have life by the Holy Spirit. That's why Jesus said, "Except a man be borned again, he can in no wise see the Kingdom of God."

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« E-16 † And the psalmist saying, "Thy love kindness is better than life." Then I begin to think, "What kind of a life was he speaking of that the love kindness of Father was better than life?" Then it come to my mind that there is a way that seemeth like it's life. It is a perverted life.

Now, the devil cannot create nothing. God is the only Creator there is. And what is unrighteousness? Is righteousness perverted. Then we notice, that there's a perversion of righteousness makes unrighteousness. It's not original. And it's--it's not right. The original, it is right.

Therefore, God had no beginning and He has no ending. And if we become a part of God, we can no more die than God can die, because we've got His life in us by the new birth. And we're just as eternal as God is eternal. We cannot perish. Jesus said, "He that heareth My words, believeth on Him that sent Me, hath Eternal Life, shall never come into the judgment; but is passed from death to Life."

- **"Choice is a great thing"**
- **"There's an unwritten law among us of choosing"**
- **You have the right to choose.**
- **You also have to live with the results of your choice or decisions**

65-1031A LEADERSHIP_ PRESCOTT.AZ V-17 N-2 SUNDAY_

« 27 † The first is the mother's kindness, then the father's word. After the mother gives you your first step, then you look to your daddy, all of us, for wisdom, because he is the head of the house. And he usually... Not that he's any smarter, but he--he's just made a leader of his family, so we follow what our daddy says do. When he says, "Now, son, I would like for you to do a certain--certain thing," then we listen to him because it's wisdom. But listen, see, he has learned a whole lot and we've got to ask him, to see what he learned, and then we can profit by his, what he has learned. He tells us, "Now don't go and do this, because I did that. My father told me not to do it, but I did it, and it caused this to happen to me, something bad." So, see, we'll... Then he, daddy, tells us how to do, and what to do right.

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« 28 † Then after mother leads us, till a time we have to get a little wisdom, to understand, from daddy, then we get another. We get another leader, and that's a teacher, a good school teacher. She tries to teach you and give you an education, to fit you better in life, for a place, a position that you can--you can read your Bible and you can read the songs, and you can learn of God and read, yourself, you see. And then, another thing, maybe you'd have business, and somebody write you a letter, mama, daddy, somebody write you a letter, you couldn't read it. See? So the teacher, she has you then, and she leads you to--to--to learn to write and to read. And it's a good thing, a good teacher, to teach you right. But now after you leave that, you, after

you leave the teacher, one teacher after the other one, from a little primer, a little first grade, on till you get out of high school or go to college. Then when you leave college, and then the teacher is through leading you. See?

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« 29 † Now, mama has taught you to walk, see. Papa has taught you how to be brilliant and a nice young man, and how to take care of yourself and behave yourself. The teacher has taught you an education, how to read and write right. But now you are leaving papa, you are leaving mama, and you are leaving the teacher, now somebody has to take you from here on. Now who do you want to take you from here on? [A child says, "Jesus."--Ed.] That's right. Jesus, to take you from there on. Now, that's a very good answer, very fine. Jesus takes you from there on.

62-0531 THE.CONFLICT.BETWEEN.GOD.AND.SATAN_ CLARKSVILLE.IN THURSDAY_

« 63 † Satan, in Eden, when he first come to these attack, to attack a person, knowing the children of God was fortified with this Word, Satan attacked the Word. See? He never attacked the being. He attacked the Word, first.

64 Look at that sneaker, lizard, what he does today. The first thing, he can't lay it on, say, "Well, that's not a good person." That's a good person. See? But the only thing he tries to do, no matter how good the person is, is to get them to deny that Word. That's just only thing he wants to do, get you to deny that Word.

65 So Satan tried to--to attack the Word, in the garden of Eden. So he had to have something now that he could use, to--to the human being, would look better than that Word. See? He had to have something that would look better, to the human being, than Word. And do you know what he used? Reasoning, just what we'd say, "common sense." See? So that's what he used, and he succeeded, so that's what he's used, all along.

62-0531 THE.CONFLICT.BETWEEN.GOD.AND.SATAN_ CLARKSVILLE.IN THURSDAY_

« 66 † But God can't give nothing else but His Word, because that's what He chose first. And when God makes a decision, has to ever remain that way.

67 And Satan took reasonings, and took the reasonings and attacked the Word, and shook Eve off the path, that's right, by reasonings, human reasoning.

68 Now, the only way that he, she could have got to disbelieve God's Word, it had to be appealing. And Satan knows how to make reasonings appealing. It has to appeal to you. And sin is very appealing. And there's only one sin, and that's unbelief. So it's really appealing. Satan makes sin so appealing to you!

Things you can't choose

- Can't choose your family
- Can't choose your height
- Can't choose your genetic makeup

Things you can choose:

- Choose your friends and who you hang with
 - Choose your church
 - Choose your spouse
 - Choose to lie or not lie
 - Choose to say yes or no to trouble
 - Choose to serve God or not serve Him
 - Choose follow God's word or not
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- Adam and Eve had to choose whether to eat of the tree of life or the tree of knowledge good and evil
 - Abraham chose to leave the land of Ur and dwell in the plains of Mamre
 - Lot chose the best land
 - Joshua said choose ye this day, whom ye will serve
 - Elijah challenged the children of Israel to not remain halted between 2 opinions but to choose between God and Baal.
 - Ruth chose to go with Naomi. Your God will be my God, and your people will be my people.
 - Moses chose to suffer the afflictions with the people of God
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- Rich young ruler
 - Luke 12:16-20 (build greater barns)

- Luke 16:19-31 (in hell he lifted up his eyes)
- Luke 18:18-23 (it was a prophecy)

62-1124B INVESTMENTS_ SHREVEPORT.LA SATURDAY_

« E-62 † But this rich young man... now here's something for you businessmen, and I have to close. Notice now, so you'll--you'll let this sink deep in your hearts. By rejecting Jesus it never stopped his increase of goods. He continued on. Let's follow him awhile down through the Bible. His flow of goods got greater. And because your business picks up a little bit, don't you never think that all the time that's God's blessings. The wicked prosper, you know.

This man, he got greater. And he got to a place till he was so great till all of his barns bursted almost. He had to build new ones.

Now, he thought he had done the right thing by turning down Jesus and not making an investment in Him. He thought he was--he'd done the right thing, because in the worldly possessions... (I'm going to say something now.) In worldly possessions he thought he'd done the right thing because he had prospered. And that's what our denominations think. Because they organize themselves, and their groups become millionaires and billionaires, they feel that they are it.

62-1124B INVESTMENTS_ SHREVEPORT.LA SATURDAY_

« E-63 † Didn't the Bible say, "Thou art rich and increased in goods (to this age), but don't know that you're naked, miserable, poor, wretched, blind, and don't even know it." What a miserable condition. Men and brethren, don't make an investment in something like that. It's bound to perish. Why not make an investment in something that's proved down through the Bible? And you know, with the--the texts that I got written here, we could be here tonight, still on these texts proving through the Bible those who made that and who turned it down.

I am showing you a real investment to make. Put your life, your time, your money, your talent, put everything you've got in Christ. God guaranteed it to us by raising Him up again. We'll rise in the last days. He promised it. What more could you look forward to? Tell me any investment you could make would pay off like that.

Tell me what you could invest in this morning and make ten million dollars, and tomorrow be a corpse? What good would it do you? What profit a man if he gained the whole world and lose his soul? What if you're popular, and called So-and-so, and Deacon, Presbyter Dr., Bishop, Elder, Pope, or whatever you might be called? That's praises of men.

I'd rather be called a holy-roller by the people, and had be a son of God in my heart, with the new birth and the Spirit of Christ dwelling in me, and Him proving it by the vindication of His Word and making me live. "The life that I once lived I don't live no more," Paul said. And yet he was a teacher and a scholar. But he changed his life, when he met Christ, and made his investment in Christ. He was a different man from then on.

- Moses - Hebrews 11:23-26

58-1003 LOOKING.AT.THE.UNSEEN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN FRIDAY_

« E-23 † Moses, when he had become forty years old, a young man, and as far as sight was concerned, Moses had the world in his hand. He was the next Pharaoh of Egypt, and he had all the lands in the world right in his hand, to be king over the entire earth knowing of that day. And yet, he looked through the window that Pharaoh looked out of, and he saw those Hebrews. To Pharaoh, who looked upon them, they were nothing but a bunch of mud-daubers, down there in the mud making brick. To the celebrity as passed by, they were the same. The well dressed people, that was a bunch of slaves, nothing but mud-wallowers.

But when Moses looked out the same window, he saw them different, because he looked at the Unseen and know that God promised that He would deliver them out of that place and take them to the land of promise. For he looked at the Unseen. He saw the years that were coming ahead. He saw Egypt destroyed. Yet she was in her blossoming time. He saw Egypt as she is today. And he saw Israel all comfortably seated around Abraham in glory, and by faith he chose to take the--the worst the religion could give him and compare it with the best that the world could give him. And he chose to suffer the reproach of Christ and considered it a greater treasure than all Egypt could afford to give him, because he endured as seeing Him Who is invisible

55-1008 THE.RESULTS.OF.DECISION_ CHICAGO.IL SATURDAY_

« E-62 † Here was Moses; he had his foot on the throne. He could've had a great... He could've turned on Egypt down there and maybe stayed there, but God's promise was to journey through the wilderness and go to the promised land. Got to get in the position first. And Moses chose rather to suffer with the people than to

set on a throne down here, because it was revealed to him spiritually. And here he was going and God was proving.

Here's how you know whether you're in the right group or not. God always vindicates His Church with signs and wonders. No matter how orthodox you are, it depends on whether God is accepting your sacrifice.

58-0720M BY.FAITH.MOSES_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« E-31 † There's a choosing, and we choose for ourselves. We choose something that's for our own good. But Moses chose the afflictions and the disgrace, that he might walk with the people of God. Think of it, now. Listen to it: "Chose the afflictions of the people of God and counted it a greater treasure, for he endured seeing Him Who was invisibly."

Now Lot, one time, had to make a choice. And it may be this morning, that there'll be men and women setting here, that'll make your final choice. **You are today what you are, because several years ago you chose to be what you are now. And what you choose now, will determine what you'll be five years from today. Five years from today you may be a missionary. Five years from today you may be a renown Christian. Or five years from today you may be in hell, because you made the wrong decision. Five years from today you may be cleaning spittoons in a barroom. Five years from today you may be a prostitute on the street. Or you may be a man or a woman, that's a--that's a credit to any society, because of your choice for Christ. Five years from today you may be in glory, gone in the rapture, because you made your choice today. But you've got to choose. And don't look at what you see; choose what you see by faith. That's the only thing that will count, is what you choose by faith.**

58-0720M BY.FAITH.MOSES_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« E-32 † Lot, as he had to make a choice, Abraham give Lot his choice. And God gives you your choice. "Choose you this day who you shall serve."

In the garden of Eden there was a tree of--of knowledge and a Tree of Life. Man was given the privilege to choose either one he desired. And so is it today; you're given your privilege, as free moral agents, to choose whatever you want to choose. My advice to you is, don't look at the modern things around you, and the popularity, and the glamour that you could be, but choose rather, by faith Him, that give the promise that someday He will come and will righten all wrongs, and will give you Eternal Life, and raise you up. No matter if you take the despised way with the Lord's few, make that choice.

58-0720M BY.FAITH.MOSES_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« E-33 † If there is troubles in the hand... If there's troubles in the land, if there's troubles in the church, if there's troubles in the home, no matter where it is, make your choice, "By faith "I'll serve God. I'll humble my heart in His presence. I'll take the way with God's children. I see them despised, and rejected, and drove out, and made fun of, but I'll still take my post of duty. I'll stay right by them, and when they cry, I'll cry with them. And when they're sorrow, I shall sorrow with them. The way they live, I'll live."

Like Naomi said--or Ruth said to Naomi, "Your ways be my ways; my ways be your ways; where you live, I'll live; where you go, I'll go; the God that you serve, will be my God." Take that choice, though it pulls the very skin off of your conscience, of thinking that you're somebody. Skin yourself down and take your way with the Lord's despised few, and stay loyal on the field of service and at the post of duty.

- A huge portion of heaven awaits thee because of you choosing the harder way

63-0623M **STANDING.IN.THE.GAP_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6 N-7 SUNDAY_**

« 135 † **Listen to this, if I can read it.**

"I, Victor Le Doux, am a full-blooded Frenchman; born-again Christian, filled with the Holy Spirit. My address is 809 North King Road, Los Angeles 46. I attend the Bethel Temple, Pastor Arne Vick, pastor. A true translation that I proclaim, of prophecy said over Brother Branham, given by Danny Henry in French, February the 11th, 1961, at the Full Gospel Business Men's breakfast. A true translation of the prophecy."

136 Now, here is what It said.

Because thou has chosen the narrow path, the harder way, thou has walked in your own choosing.

Now, I can see that. Moses had to make his choice, too. See?

Thou hast picked the precise and correct way, correct decision, and it is MY WAY.

Underlined, "My Way," the Holy Spirit speaking back.

Because of this momentous decision, a huge portion of Heaven awaits you... awaits thee.

What a glorious decision... (Now listen close.)

What a glorious decision thou has made. This in itself is that which will make, and come to pass, the tremendous victory in the love Divine.