

Series: Choices

Choosing the Life that God Offers

Deuteronomy 30:11-20 (NIV)

Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. ¹²It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" ¹³Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" ¹⁴No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

¹⁵See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹This 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 ²⁰and 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 give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

1. WITH ALL THE PATHS YOU COULD TRAVEL, CHOOSE THE ONE GOD HAS PROVIDED.

vv. 11-14

- We get so focused on what's down the road, we miss what is right in front of us.
- The grass is always greener on the other side, but it still needs to be mowed.
- God's plan for us is not some mystery, He reveals it plainly in our heart.

2. WITH ALL THE CHOICES YOU HAVE, CHOOSE THE LIFE GOD OFFERS.

vv. 15-19

- We can have life and prosperity or death and destruction, it's our choice!
- Wrong choices lead us down a path of destruction.
- We really do get to choose the life we prefer.

3. WITH ALL THE LOVE YOU HAVE, CHOOSE TO LOVE THE LORD.

v. 16 "For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess."

v. 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 give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

When we choose to love the Lord, it produces:

- Direction—we walk in His ways.
- Obedience—we keep His commands.
- Prosperity—we will live and increase.
- Blessing—we receive the blessing God has for us.
- Purpose—we listen to His voice and know our purpose.
- Life—we have abundant life here, eternal life in heaven.
- Longevity—we get the time we need to accomplish His will.

God created us with a free will which means we have a host of choices to make each day. The best choice we can make is to choose the life God has to offer by loving Him and obeying His plan.