

It's Your Choice

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church
Joshua 24:14-15. "Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord. 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."

Joshua called the people to make a decision as to how they would live their lives. Their choice was the same as the one we make today. The choice was whether to serve the idols or to serve the living God. That is the only two ways to go in life, walking with God, or not.

Some say that they believe in evolution instead of God. That is a choice that says I will not walk with God, or admit that there is a God. It is a foolish choice, but a choice never the less. In **Psalms 14:1** and **53:1** the scriptures say, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no

God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good." A person makes a decision to believe that the world "just happened," by accident. Those who say that this is what they believe tell themselves that there is no God, therefore no judgment to come. The problem with this thought is that saying it doesn't make it true. They think that there is no judgment, or punishment, so that they are not afraid to live any way that they choose.

On the other hand there are those who say that they believe in God, but live in a sinful way. This type of people say one thing and live another way. If they really believe in God then they are living in rebellion against the God that they say that they believe in. If we know anything about God then we know that he made man to walk with him and to honor him. When folks live against the commands of God they are mocking him.

I remember the person years ago who was upset that an atheist was in the news saying that there was no God. He didn't see how any one could believe such a thing. When I asked, "Which is the worse, the person who says he doesn't believe in God and lives as though there were no God, or the person who says that there is a God

but lives in sin?" He was silent for a few moments then said, "I guess the one who says that he believes." We decide each day how we are going to live and the things that we do. As someone said, "Our walk should match our talk."

Then there are those who believe in God and do their best each day to keep the commands of God. The Lord is not a one day a week thought to such folks but is in their lives every day. Now you may say that every Christian that you know has said, or done, something that you think is wrong. You're probably right, no man is perfect and will not be as long as we are in this body of flesh. The sincere Christian will repent when he does something that is not right. God knows the heart and whether a person is trying to do what is right, or not. Man sees the outside and takes note of our sins and usually don't see the tears of repentance.

That is where God tells us not to judge, he is the only one who can see the thoughts and intents of the heart. Judgment belongs to God and the duty of man is to keep the commandments and to walk with God through Jesus. To walk with God, or not, is the choice that we must make in life. It is your choice.

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