

Making A Choice

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Hebrews 11:24-26 "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward."

In this scripture we see that Moses made a choice as to how he would live his life. All of us are faced with the same basic choice. We can serve the world and live according to the flesh, or choose to live for the Lord. That is the only two choices that there are and, we will choose one or the other.

Moses had been raised in the palace as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. From a worldly standpoint he had the best of everything. Taught the knowledge of the Egyptians, and having the best of all that Egypt had to offer, many would say that it would be crazy to give all of that up. He

saw that the gods of Egypt were false and made a wise choice. If you wonder how he knew of the true God and that he was a Hebrew, then remember that it was his own mother who nursed him as told in Exodus 2: 6 - 10. She was even paid to take care of her own son.

Yes, Moses gave up living in the palace and a life of luxury, but what he received was better than anything that Pharaoh could give. He choose to live for the living God. He knew that the life on earth was for a time, then death and judgment would come. Instead of pleasure of sin for a season, a short time, he put his trust in God. How can any sane, rational person choose to live a life ruled by the flesh, knowing that he will one day die and face God?

People throughout history have been called to make a decision about God. In **1 Kings 18:21** the nation was called to make a decision. They had been trying to go two ways at once and not realizing their true condition. Elijah told the people to choose between God and Baal, and to follow one of them. In **Revelation 3:14-22** the Lord told the church of Laodicea to make a choice. He went on to say, "I would thou wert cold or hot." He says to make a choice, because God will not share his glory with another. Either a man is following the Lord, or he is lost and in sin.

If you are a Christian it is because you made a choice to trust in Jesus. I repeat what I have said many times before, "No one will go to heaven by accident, or against his will." Those who enter heaven will be those who have come to the Lord in faith and walked with him in this life. Those who enter the lake of fire will be those who refused the Grace of God and who choose the things of this world. They will have lived for the flesh and mocked the things of God here, but then will want to be saved. However, then it will be too late, because salvation is now while the mercy of God gives time and opportunity, but after death, or the coming of the Lord it will be eternally too late.

In **Joshua 24:15** the nation of Israel was called to choose who they would serve. Joshua told them to decide between the God of creation, or to serve the gods that were on the other side, or before, the flood. So we can see, the Old Testament, or New Testament, the call is for each of us to make a decision about our life. God has made a way for us to be forgiven and to live with him by sending Jesus do redeem us from sin. So the choice is yours, either receive the salvation given by God's Grace, or go into eternity without the Lord. The choice is yours, and no one can make it for you.

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JEPHTHAH

IN THE DAYS WHEN ISRAEL IS UNDER SEVERE SERVITUDE TO THE AMMONITES, LIVES JEPHTHAH, A YOUNG MAN OF GREAT, STRONG COURAGE, AND SKILL WITH ARMS

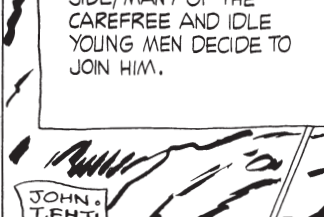
HOW COULD IT BE OTHERWISE? IS NOT HIS OWN FATHER SO SKILLED WITH WEAPONS AND GREAT IN THE LAND?!



...THOU SHALT NOT INHERIT IN OUR FATHER'S HOUSE, FOR THOU ART THE SON OF A STRANGE WOMAN!



BUT, AS WORD OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO JEPHTHAH, SPREADS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY-SIDE, MANY OF THE CAREFREE AND IDLE YOUNG MEN DECIDE TO JOIN HIM.



SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK

YEA, JEPHTHAH, THY ARROWS NEVER FAIL THE MARK WHEN WE ARE ON THE HUNT!



...BUT THE CAREFREE LIFE OF THE YOUNG HUNTER HAS COME TO AN END!



THY MOTHER WAS NOT OF ISRAEL - GET THEE HENCE FROM OUR HOUSE!



AND JEPHTHAH, CAST OUT BY HIS HALF-BROTHERS, GOES TO THE LAND OF TOB, BORDERING ON THE WASTELAND OF THE DESERT.



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