

## **Choose the Choice that Reflects God's Choice of Choosing You**

### **Deut. 30: 15 -30**

Choices are all around us. Choices begin when it's time to wake up, continue throughout the day, and still occur even when it's time to end the day. We are a choice-driven people, society, and culture ... obsessed with and addicted to choices.

In this passage, Moses addresses the following to the Israelites shortly before his death:

*Verse 16 "in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the LORD your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it. (Verse 17) "But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, (Verse 18) "I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You will not prolong your days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess it..."*

God is urging us to make serious and deliberate choices to propel us toward the conclusion of His purpose. He requires us to commit and make decisions. In matters of morality, remaining neutral is not an option. The issues are sharply defined: obedience, disobedience; life, death; good, evil. He especially points out that He will not tolerate idolatry. Idols are useless vanities that people choose to submit to rather than the sovereign God.

Moses said these words first to Israel. But God says them to each of us, to everyone who has a conscience, a sense of right and wrong, and sense to see he or she ought to do right and shun wrong. Someone referred to this as the granite on which all other spiritual beliefs rest, and so it is. It is taken for granted and built, on in all God's revelation, in all Christ's atoning work, in all the Holy Spirit's operation. This is a choice we must each make, not, like the fabled one, for once, but day by day, continually. It is the resultant of all our life.

If we choose well, WE MUST END WELL. We want to grow here fit for a better place, pure, kind, hardworking, and unselfish. We cannot be a failure.