

THE ULTIMATE CHOICE

From the day we were born to this present moment, we have been making choices... some good and some not so good. Most choices relate to conveniences and day to day responsibilities, some choices being much more significant than others. However, there is one choice that is far reaching and much more important than any other choice you will make in your lifetime. It decides how long we will exist as a living being... it is the ultimate choice!! The ultimate choice is whether or not we will choose to believe and serve God. Thus there are two elements involved in this choice... obey God and follow God.

Why should we need to make such choices in the first place?

This world is coming to an end... politically, socially, economically and naturally... that also includes the inhabitants.

2PET 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. *God offers the choice of life to all. A choice which remains open till the Lord returns.*

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. *The world as we know it is quickly coming to its 'use by' date... inescapably.*

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, *Stop and think for a moment... do you really have a choice?*

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? *No human can survive this ordeal. Those who make the right choices will live on... those who don't... there will never be any form of life for you ever again!! That is why this is the ultimate choice.*

Choosing to serve God is the initial ultimate choice... yet many will struggle with this reality.

LUK 14:15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. *To live with God requires a choice.*

16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: *relating to eternal life.*

17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. *Repent, be baptised in water, be baptised in the Spirit... live forever.*

18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. *Everyone was too busy to make a wise choice... none stopped long enough to ponder the foolish nature of their short sightedness. Clearly, the majority fail to make the first right ultimate choice.*

The second ultimate choice is the same as the first... but this is based on maintaining the first choice.

MAR 10:29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. *The same human options will continue to influence our lives... we are encouraged to stick to our first choice. It might appear to be difficult in the first instance, but God offers compensation... far much more than the initial perceived loss.*

God continues to offer compensation to all those who have initially chosen to follow him.

ISA 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. *Even those who fail miserably are able to be restored. God supports those who have made the first ultimate choice!!!*

Those who fail to continue with the first choice will regret it, inconsolably for eternity.

LUK 13:28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. *There is no other choice in life that can ever compensate us for what God offers. Nothing will ever be as good as God's blessings.*

This is how to make the first ultimate choice.

ACT 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*

The rest is up to you, up to God and up to all those who make excellent choices.