

Called to Decide

Deuteronomy 30:1-20

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Joshua 24:1, 14, 15

¹ Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel and for their heads and their judges and their officers; and they presented themselves before G-d. ¹⁴ "Now, therefore, fear the L-rd and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the L-rd.

Joshua 24:1, 14, 15

¹⁵ "If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the L-rd, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the L-rd."

1 Kings 18:21

Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If the L-rd is G-d, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him."

If we turn, repent, and
choose G-d,
He will bless, reward
and give us life.

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Deuteronomy 30:1

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Deuteronomy 28:36, 49, 64

³⁶ "The L-rd will bring you and your king, whom you set over you, to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone.

⁴⁹ "The L-rd will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down, a nation whose language you shall not understand,

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⁶⁴ "Moreover, the L-rd will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth; and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone, which you or your fathers have not known.

Deuteronomy 29:22, 23

²² "Now the generation to come, your sons who rise up after you and the foreigner who comes from a distant land, when they see the plagues of the land and the diseases with which the L-rd has afflicted it, will say, ²³ 'All its land is brimstone and salt, a burning waste, unsown and unproductive, and no grass grows in it, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboim, which the L-rd overthrew in His anger and in His wrath.'

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"So it shall be when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind in all nations where the L-rd your G-d has banished you,

Deuteronomy 30:2

and you return to the L-rd your G-d and obey Him with all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons,

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to You,
And my iniquity I did not hide;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the L-RD;"
And You forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalm 51:2-4

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity
And cleanse me from my sin.
³ For I know my transgressions,
And my sin is ever before me.
⁴ Against You, You only, I have sinned
And done what is evil in Your sight.

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³ then the L-rd your G-d will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the L-rd your G-d has scattered you.

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⁴ "If your outcasts are at the ends of the earth, from there the L-rd your G-d will gather you, and from there He will bring you back.

⁵ "The L-rd your G-d will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.

Isaiah 11:11-12

¹¹ Then it will happen on that day that the L-rd will again recover the second time with His hand the remnant of His people, who will remain, from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. ¹² And He will lift up a standard for the nations and assemble the banished ones of Israel, and will gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Jeremiah 16:14-15

¹⁴ "Therefore behold, days are coming," declares the L-rd, "when it will no longer be said, 'As the L-rd lives, who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' ¹⁵ but, 'As the L-rd lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north and from all the countries where He had banished them.' For I will restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers.

Ezekiel 36:24

For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land.

Ezekiel 37:21,22

²¹ "Say to them, 'Thus says the L-rd G-d, "Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; ²² and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king will be king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations and no longer be divided into two kingdoms.

Amos 9:14-15

¹⁴ "Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, And they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit. ¹⁵ "I will also plant them on their land, And they will not again be rooted out from their land Which I have given them," Says the L-rd your G-d.

Jacob (James) 4:7-10

⁷ Submit therefore to G-d Resist the devil and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to G-d and He will draw near to you Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the presence of the L-rd, and He will exalt you.

John 15:4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11

⁴ "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. ⁵ "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁷ "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

John 15:4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11

⁸ "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. ¹⁰ "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹ "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

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"Moreover the L-rd your G-d will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the L-rd your G-d with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.

Deuteronomy 10:16

So circumcise your heart, and stiffen your neck no longer.

Jeremiah 4:4

Circumcise yourselves to the L-rd
And remove the foreskins of your heart,
Men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem

Jeremiah 9:25, 26

²⁵ "Behold, the days are coming," declares the L-rd, "that I will punish all who are circumcised and yet uncircumcised, ²⁶ ...and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised of heart."

Romans 2:28, 29

²⁸ For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. ²⁹ But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from G-d.

Ezekiel 36:25-28

²⁵ "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

Ezekiel 36:25-28

²⁸ "You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your G-d.

Zechariah 13:1

In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity.

Deuteronomy 30:7-10

⁷ "The L-rd your G-d will inflict all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. ⁸ "And you shall again obey the L-rd, and observe all His commandments which I command you today. ⁹ "Then the L-rd your G-d will prosper you abundantly in all the work of your hand, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your cattle and in the produce of your ground, for the L-rd will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers;

Deuteronomy 30:7-10

¹⁰ if you obey the L-rd your G-d to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this book of the law, if you turn to the L-rd your G-d with all your heart and soul.

Exodus 14:13-14

¹³ But Moses said to the people, "Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the L-rd which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever. ¹⁴ "The L-rd will fight for you while you keep silent."

2 Chronicles 20:15

Listen, all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: thus says the L-rd to you, "Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but G-d's."

Galatians 5:22, 23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Philippians 4:6, 7, 19

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to G-d. ⁷ And the peace of G-d, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Messiah Yeshua. ¹⁹ And my G-d will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Messiah Yeshua.

Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Messiah rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

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Deuteronomy 30:11-14

¹¹ "For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach. ¹² "It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?'

Deuteronomy 30:11-14

¹³ "Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?' ¹⁴ "But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it.

Psalms 19:7-11

⁷ The law of the L-RD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the L-RD is sure, making wise the simple. ⁸ The precepts of the L-RD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the L-RD is pure, enlightening the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the L-RD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the L-RD are true; they are righteous altogether.

Psalm 19:7-11

¹⁰ They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward.

Psalm 119:15,16,24,50,72,92,97,98,127,130,143,147,151,162,165

¹⁵ I will meditate on Your precepts And regard Your ways. ¹⁶ I shall delight in Your statutes; I shall not forget Your word. ²⁴ Your testimonies also are my delight; They are my counselors. ⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my affliction, that Your word has revived me. ⁷² The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of gold and silver pieces. ⁹² If Your law had not been my delight, Then I would have perished in my affliction.

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⁹⁷ O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. ⁹⁸ Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever mine. ¹²⁷ Therefore I love Your commandments above gold, yes, above fine gold. ¹³⁰ The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple. ¹⁴³ Trouble and anguish have come upon me, Yet Your commandments are my delight.

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¹⁴⁷ I rise before dawn and cry for help; I wait for Your words. ¹⁵¹ You are near, O L-rd, And all Your commandments are truth. ¹⁶² I rejoice at Your word, as one who finds great spoil. ¹⁶⁵ Those who love Your law have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble.

II. If we choose G-d we will experience abundant life

- A. Israel was given an offer
- B. Israel was given a choice

Deuteronomy 30:15-16

¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity; ¹⁶ in that I command you today to love the L-rd your G-d, 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 L-rd your G-d may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it.

Deuteronomy 30:17-20

¹⁷ "But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, 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.

Deuteronomy 30:17-20

¹⁹ "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, ²⁰ by loving the L-rd your G-d, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the L-rd swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

Conclusion

1 Samuel 2:30

Far be it from Me--for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me will be lightly esteemed.

2 Chronicles 15:2

The L-rd is with you when you are with Him
And if you seek Him, He will let you find Him;
but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.

If we turn, repent, and
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