

Dancing Between Two Opinions

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lijah came unto all the people and said, "<u>How long halt</u> (dance) <u>ye between two opinions? If</u> the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal (or anything else), then follow him. And the people answered him not a word' (1 Kings 18:21).

Before his death, Joshua also gave the leaders of Israel a CHOICE: "...choose you this day whom ve 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 24:15). Consider the following choices:

Good or Bad – There is a day coming that can only be compared to fishermen who cast a net into the sea, and gathered of every kind, which, when it is full, they drew to shore, sat down and gathered the **GOOD** into vessels, but cast the **BAD** away. "So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 13:47-50).

The Tree of Life or The Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil - Given the choice of every tree in the garden, including the tree of Life and the tree of Knowledge, Adam and Eve chose "Knowledge" and the majority their offspring are making the same choice today. But God told Daniel that in the end times, "... many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Daniel 12:4). God has tenderly admonished mankind to "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5), but to no avail. Man continues to trust in himself.

Heaven or Hell – Volcanoes all over the world are belching up tremendous heat from the center of the earth, while earthquakes are splitting the ground open because of an expansion taking place from beneath. And "man" says, "There is no Hell." But God thunders back: "...hell hath ENLARGED herself, and opened her mouth without measure..." (Isaiah 5:14). "Hell from BENEATH is

MOVED for thee to **MEET** thee at thy coming" (Isaiah 14:9). Heaven, however, is a PRE-PARED PLACE for PREPARED PEOPLE. Jesus said, "...I go to prepare a place for you (you who believe). And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2-3).

God or Satan – Everyone knows that God exist, whether they choose to admit it or not, because "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament (the atmosphere above us) sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world" (Psalm 19:1-4). So all men and women are without EXCUSE!

Even the New Testament declares that "...the invisible things of him (God) from the creation of the world are CLEARLY SEEN, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they (mankind) are without excuse" (Romans 1:20).

Man knows better, but he chooses to follow Satan, the **ONE** enemy that God has: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a **murderer** from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44).

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Satan knows he cannot defeat God, so he attempts to "frustrate" the plan of God by causing those created in His image to travel down a wrong path through **LIES**. Satan also knows that God is "...<u>not willing that any should perish</u>" (2 Peter 3:9) and that God has "...<u>no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live</u>" (Ezekiel 33:11).

That's why God **INVESTED SO MUCH** in the rescue of His creation, the giving of His only begotten Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for sin, which is **DEATH** (Romans 6:23).

The Narrow Way or The Broad Way - "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 16:25).

Jesus said "<u>I am the WAY</u>, the <u>TRUTH</u>, and the <u>LIFE</u>: <u>NO MAN cometh unto the Father</u>, but by <u>ME</u>" (John 14:6). Now that settles it for every single <u>religion</u> and <u>belief</u> on earth throughout our history.

But if you "<u>take a chance</u>" and believe what man has to say, or trust in your own understanding, you will end up eating "...<u>the fruit of [your] own way</u>" (Proverbs 1:31). "<u>It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man</u>" (Psalm 118:8). The word "man" here means "<u>human being</u>" so it includes "women" too.

The <u>wide gate</u> and <u>the broad way</u> is wide open for every idea, and will lead to <u>your</u> destruction. Jesus said, "...<u>and many there be which go in thereat</u>" (Matthew 7:13). But the <u>narrow way</u> is "narrow" for a reason, leaving no room for the "extra" baggage of false doctrine. Jesus said, "...<u>STRAIT is the gate, and NARROW is the way, which leadeth unto life, and FEW there be that find it"</u> (Matthew 7:14). So, "<u>Strive to enter in at the strait gate</u>: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able" (Luke 13:24).

Consider these additional "choices"...

Up or Down

Many are Called or Few are Chosen

Enter Thou or Depart from Me

Name Written or Name Blotted Out

Visible Church or Invisible Church

Visible Gods or The Invisible God

Receive or Reject

Blessing or Cursing

Grace or Law

Life or Death

Goodness or Severity

Repent or Stiff-necked

War or Peace

Profitable or Unprofitable

Love the World or Love God

Serve God or Serve Mammon

Straight way or Crooked ways

Sober Minded or Blinded Minds

Foolish or Wise

Single Minded or Double Minded

Rich or Poor

Faith or Doubt

Love or Hate

Just or Unjust

Clean or Filthy

Hot or Cold

Truth or Lie

Saved or Lost

Sheep or Goats

Rich or Poor

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Wheat or Tares

Belief or Unbelief

Christ or Antichrist

Spirit of Truth or Spirit of Error

Sheep or Wolves

Right Hand or Left Hand

For or Against

First or Last

Door Opened or Door Shut

Brethren or False Brethren

Faithful or Unfaithful

Obedience or Disobedience

Light or Darkness

Sight or Blindness

Fruitful or Unfruitful

Humble or Proud

Greatest or Least

Live or Die

Stand or Fall

Peace & Safety or Sudden Destruction

Steward of God or Unjust Steward

Loved by the World or Hated by the World

Sitting in Darkness or Walking in the Light

The Praise of Men or The Praise of God

Just or The Unjust

Walk in the Spirit or Walk in the Flesh

Dead while you Live or Alive Forever More

Children of God or Children of the Devil

Righteous or Unrighteous

Labor or Standing Idle

Help <u>or</u> Hinder

Children of the Day or Children of the Night

Dull Minded or Spiritual Minded

Training Children or Children Left to **Themselves**

Throughout our lifetime, God has set before us **ONE** choice: to believe **HIM**. "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness (the Holy Ghost) in himself: he that **believeth not** God hath made him (God) a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son" (1 John 5:10).

Before we die, we have the choice to believe God, or to believe **ANYTHING ELSE**. The choice we make will determine where we spend our eternity after our death. We are "spirit" beings made after the image of God. Our spirit is incased in the dust of the ground. And when we die, our bodies go back to dust, but our "spirit" will **NEVER** die. Joshua made his choice. What will yours be?