

## Called to Choose

### I. God's Call and Israel's Opportunity:

- A. Exod. 19:3, 4-5 - God claims a right over Israel on two accounts:
- B. Exod. 19:5-6 - Israel would be God's people.
- C. Exod. 19:5 - Conditions: if ye will obey
- D. Exod. 19:8 - The people accept.

### II. Israel's Path Did Not Always Go Like They Imagined:

- A. Exod. 20:1-6 - Israel's devotion to God was to be all exclusive.
- B. Baal-Peor: (Explain)
  - 1. Numb. 25:1-4 - Played the harlot.
  - 2. Numb. 31:16-17 – God's judgment.

### III. Israel Reminded of the Covenant:

- A. Deut. 7:1-2 - Utterly destroy the nations.
- B. Judg. 2:1-4 - Failed to heed the conditions
- C. Josh. 24 - Joshua's days to end
  - 1. Vs. 15 - Joshua's admonition
  - 2. Vs. 16-18 - Response of Israel
  - 3. Vs. 19-28 - Consequences
- D. Judg. 2:7-8 - "The people served Jehovah all the days of Joshua..."
- E. Judg. 2:10-11 – "There arose a generation after them, that knew not Jehovah..."

### IV. Why Did Israel Transgress?

- A. Eph. 6:12 - There is a great spiritual battle.
- B. 1 Jn. 2:16 - Operating through the flesh
- C. 1 Cor. 10:6-13, 14 - Israel as an example

### V. Battle is Being Fought in Your Life and Mine:

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## Consequences of What the Bible Claims

The Bible claims for itself: "Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

The Bible claims: "for bodily exercise is profitable for a little; but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life which now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Timothy 4:8). Of this teaching, the apostle Paul said to the young evangelist Timothy, "Take heed to thyself, and to thy teaching. Continue in these things; for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee" (Ibid., vs. 16).

The Bible claims: concerning this teaching, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all" (Ephesians 4:4-6). These conditions are common to all Christians: "One body," the church; "one Spirit", the Holy Spirit; "one hope," hope of salvation; "one Lord," the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Timothy 6:14); "one faith," the system of faith (Jude 3); "one baptism," immersion in water (Acts 8:38-39); "one God and Father of all" (James 2:19; Hebrews 12:7; Acts 17:29) "who is over all," i.e., over all of the creation, "and through all, and in all."

The Bible claims, concerning this hope of salvation: "that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth"... "And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved" (Acts 4:10, 12). For, "as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

Of this way, the Bible claims: "Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many are they that enter in thereby. For narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it" (Matthew 7:13-14).

Now, if these claims are false, then the Bible of is no value to the saving of the soul. If, however, the claims are true: What are the consequences? Whatever you conclude, you had better be right!



### What is Your Greatest Need?

What would you consider to be your greatest need? In many cases, thoughts of food, raiment, and shelter are matters that occupy the mind. For a moment we want to direct our attention to what the Bible reveals is man's greatest need: being reconciled to God.

It is without successful contradiction that all men and women have given, or will give, thought to the questions of life: why are we here, what is our purpose in life, and what happens after death? The scriptures answer all of these questions, as the Apostle Peter said, "seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue; whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust" (2 Peter 1:3-4).

In this same vein, the Apostle Paul said, "Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto him. For we must all be made

manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad” (2 Corinthians 5:9-10).

As a result of this knowledge, the Apostle Paul devoted his life to preaching this message to a lost and dying world, saying, “Knowing therefore the fear of the Lord, we persuade men” (2 Corinthians 5:11). In the same text, the Apostle Paul said, “For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that one died for all, therefore all died; and he died for all, that they that live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto him who for their sakes died and rose again” (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

What the Apostle Paul emphasized in his teaching was that “all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave unto us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not reckoning unto them their trespasses, and having committed unto us the word of reconciliation. We are ambassadors therefore on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us: we beseech [you] on behalf of Christ, be ye reconciled to God. Him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him” (2 Corinthians 5:18-21).

Consider the words of Jesus: “Be not therefore anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, wherewithal shall we be clothed?...Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof” (Matthew 6:31, 34). ret

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With Him is

# Plenteous Redemption

Psalms 130:7

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**Weekly Reading:**  
 Numbers 22:1—26:4  
 Numbers 31:1-20



Luke 16:19-31

**Your Choice**  
**Choose Wisely**



Revelation 4:4

### Difference in Claim and Truth Pretenders

“Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” (Matthew 7:21-23).

**Apostle Paul**

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day...” (2 Tim. 4:7-8).