

# CHOOSE WHOM YOU WILL SERVE

*(Joshua 24:15)*

- Introduction:
1. The right or ability to choose is an attribute that God has given to mankind that we cherish.
  2. This has its advantages as well as its disadvantages.
    - a. My eternal destiny rests in my own hands and the choice is mine.
    - b. However, I sometimes wish I could make that choice for others.
  3. In this lesson we will examine three choices that were presented and three different responses.
  4. As we examine these choices, attempt to identify who you are most like.

## **I. A Choice Offered By Jeremiah**

- A. (Jeremiah 6:14-16).
- B. The people were guilty of many sins (Jeremiah 5).
  1. They swore falsely (v. 2).
  2. Idolatry (v. 7).
  3. Adultery (vs. 7-8).
  4. They lied about God (v. 12).
  5. They prophesied falsely (v. 31).
- C. They were given the choice to walk in the ways of God and find rest for their souls.
- D. However, they said, "We will not walk therein."

## **II. A Choice Offered By Elijah**

- A. (1 Kings 18:21-40).
- B. God's people were wicked under the leadership of Ahab and Jezebel.
- C. When Ahab and Elijah met, there was a showdown.
- D. Elijah called for the people to make a decision and quite straddling the fence.
- E. Their response was delayed.
  1. At first, they said nothing to him.
  2. Only after the miraculous display did they rally around Elijah.

## **III. A Choice Offered By Joshua**

- A. (Joshua 24:14-25).
- B. Joshua challenged the people to forsake idolatry and serve God.
- C. Their response was immediate acceptance.
- D. However, Joshua reminds them of commitment involved in their decision.

- Conclusion:
1. The eternal destiny of your soul rests entirely in your hands—its your choice.
  2. All I can do is remind you of God's love for you and encourage you to make the right choice.