

Better Than the World's Best

“And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Josh. 24:15, NKJV).

Can sin be fun? You might be surprised by my answer. Yes, of course there is pleasure in sin. Otherwise, why would we do it? But it's a short-lived pleasure. Then the problems will follow. That's why we want to make the right choices.

Joshua stood before the people of Israel and said, “Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.” Then he added, “But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Josh. 24:15).

Elijah stood on Mount Carmel and spoke to the vacillating, fickle people of Israel and said, “How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him” (1 Kings 18:21).

And Moses decided to choose difficulty over ease. Hebrews 11:25 (NLT) says of him, “He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin.” Yet because of his right choices, he was a man of personal integrity.

God's worst is better than the world's best. What is the world's best? It's a few, short-lived pleasures. And what is God's worst? It's persecution, rejection, being mocked and things of that nature.

On the other hand, God's best is peace, purpose, meaning in this life, a relationship and friendship with God Himself and the guaranteed assurance of heaven beyond the grave. What is the world's worst? It's misery, guilt, emptiness and a future of judgment in hell.

No matter what choices you make, you will stand before God one day. But only one road leads to heaven and it's through Jesus because He died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead.

If you want to know that you will go to heaven when you die, you need to ask Jesus Christ to forgive you of your sins and begin to follow Him as your Savior and Lord. {eoa}

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