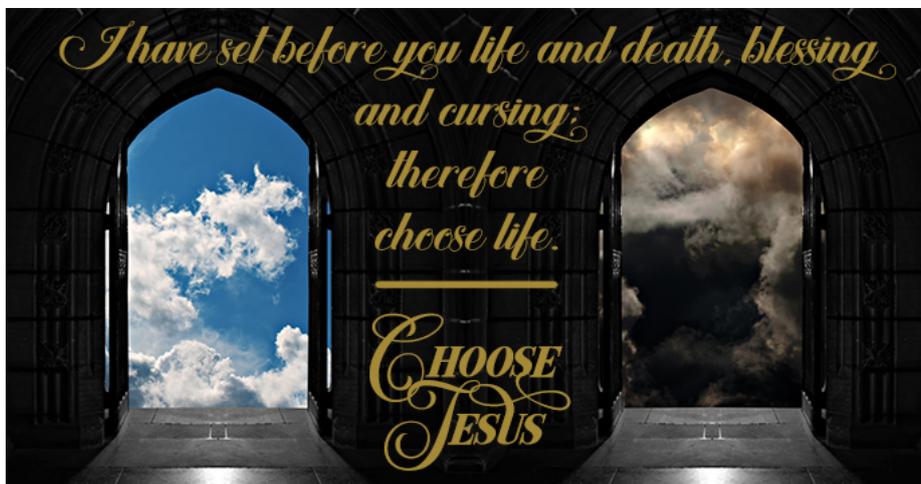


To our friends -- We have decided to use this area to share things with our visitors. It could be words of encouragement, revelations, prophecies, etc. If you have something you would like to share, we encourage you to submit it to us for review and editing as may be required. Any submissions will remain anonymous. All glory goes to God. We will find a place in our Storehouse to archive these for future reference. Emails may be sent to submissions@ministryofprayer.org. We pray you be blessed as you visit this website.

NOTE: We invite you to download our newly created "Promise Card" which is stored under Scriptures for Framing. We hope it will bless you.



Life and Death

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days. Deut. 30:19-20

We have a righteous God. It's not enough to say that He is good. Nowadays we speak of a person being good, or even a meal. We might even say good dog to our pet. We need to realize that God is holy and righteous. Leviticus 10:3 says *By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; and before all the people I must be glorified.*

All our righteousness is as filthy rags. Even the best of us. We would burn in His presence if we were to try and enter under our own merits.

Our creator made us for His pleasure and He desires fellowship with His creation. He is perfect and righteous altogether and He cannot change. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. We must be changed if we are ever to enter into that fellowship. The standards cannot be lowered. They can never be lowered.

Choosing life in God means choosing death to our former life. It begins with a sincere repentance of all that does not please God, all that forces separation from Him. It means to turn away from darkness and desire the light of His truth. We let Him begin to do that work of transforming you into Christ's own image. He is the first born of many brethren. Our righteousness becoming no longer imputed but imparted.

Jesus came to clean the slate for us of all unrighteousness. He was our willing substitute. He continues to keep us clean until we are fully sanctified and made the righteousness of God. He is our life and we must abide in Him to mature. We must continue towards the light as He is in the light. The condemnation that comes upon the world is that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

The Word says there is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death. We must move to Him. He cannot move to us. That means taking up your cross and following Him. It means to deny your will and say "not my will but Yours be done". It means to crucify the flesh with its sinful passion and desires and choose God's way. To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. The carnal mind is enmity against God. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Do you love the Lord? Do you desire to be with Him? To know Him even as you have been known. That's His desire. That you may know Him in all the fullness of His glory and beauty. His enduring mercy makes a way for that to happen. I have seen young men weep when they begin to first taste this mercy. I have seen old men have a break in their voice as they remember His faithfulness through the years. He is able to keep us as long as we cling to Him. The choice remains ours.

The choice is made every day in all we do. It begins by loving God. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind and then you shall love your neighbor as yourself. It is the boundless mercy of God that keeps us from the judgement we all deserve.

God has done His work and entered into His sabbath. It's now up to each of us. Do you desire Him above all else? Do you love the light more than the darkness - good more than evil? Do you desire the passing deceitful pleasures of sin too much. God lets you choose. Life and good or death and evil.

He who endures to the end shall be saved. He has promised those who hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be filled. Fully righteous and fully saved. Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Matt. 25:34 Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.

1 Cor. 2:9

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Romans 8:18

