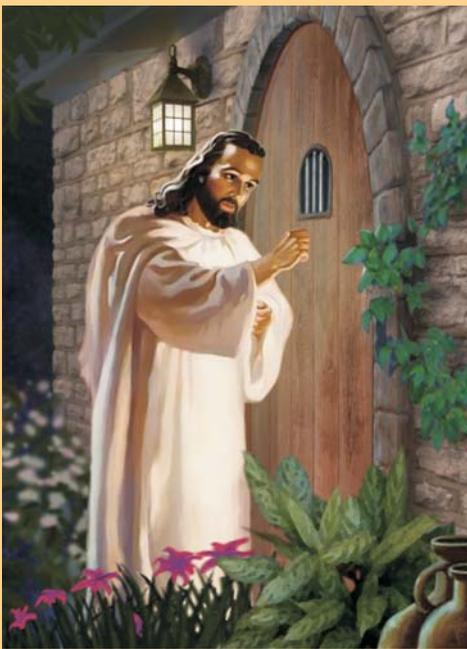


# CHOOSING UP SIDES

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*Christ at heart's door*

“By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing Him who is invisible. Through faith he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest He that destroyed the firstborn should touch them” (Heb. 11:24-28).

One may wonder why Moses was so faithful that he, with fear and trembling, did everything that God told him to do (Deut. 9:18-19, Heb. 12:21). He had faith that God would kill him and send his soul to Hell if he wasn’t faithful enough to do all the works God commanded of him.

Moses actually knew of Hell. He saw Dathan, his family, Abiram, and Abiram’s family swallowed up into Hell when God opened the mouth of

the earth and swallowed them into Hell.<sup>1</sup> Also, God let Moses know of the plagues of Egypt before they happened. Then they happened before his very eyes, and the eyes of all the Hebrews and Egyptians.<sup>2</sup> He saw and experienced the opening of the Red Sea, where the Hebrew children escaped, and the entire army of Egypt drowned together in it.<sup>3</sup> He experienced the manna sent down from Heaven which fed everyone, approximately three million people for forty years, and the water coming out of a solid rock like a river (symbolic of the solid Rock, Christ Jesus, from where all life and all other blessings flow).<sup>4</sup> And he saw the victories over the kings. This is why Moses chose sides—chose God.

“Now faith is the substance or assurance of things hoped for, the evidence or conviction of things not seen. Indeed, our ancestors received approval [from God]. They, by faith [in God], all [those] chose to serve God. By faith [not in the world], we understand that the worlds were [framed] by the Word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible” (Heb. 11:1-3, orig. Greek). Abel, Enoch, and Noah all had faith and proved it by their WORKS.<sup>5</sup>

Abraham made the right choice when he was called.<sup>6</sup> So did Isaac, and so did Jacob.<sup>7</sup> “All of these died in faith without having received the

promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth. For people who speak like this, make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return [they made the right choice]. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a Heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, He has prepared a city for them” (Heb. 11:13-16, orig. Greek).

What is the point in living the way God commands? What for? Why make right choices? What is the reason to study how to live right? It is because the decision you make will determine where your soul will spend eternity. There are but two choices—only two. You don’t have much to think about. It’s easy to choose one of the two. One choice is Heaven, and the other is Hell. One is eternal life in Heaven, and the other is eternal damnation in Hell and the Lake of Fire for not choosing the mercy that Christ offers us all by the price He paid for us on the cross at Calvary.

This world is very temporary. Everyone knows that. But immortality is permanent, forever. “Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever” (I Tim. 1:17); never

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<sup>1</sup> Num. 16:25-33, Deut. 11:6, Psa. 106:17 <sup>2</sup> Ex. 7:14-21, 8:1-6, 16-17, 20-24, 9:1-6, 8-10, 18-26, 10:12-15, 21-23, 11:4-7, 12:3-13, 29-39 <sup>3</sup> Ex. 14:15-30 <sup>4</sup> Ex. 16:11-18, 35, Num. 20:9-11, Psa. 78:20, 105:40-41, I Cor. 10:1-4 <sup>5</sup> Gen. 4:1-4, 5:22-24, 6:5-9, 14-22, Matt. 24:37-39, Heb. 11:5, 7, I Pet. 3:20, Jude 14-15 <sup>6</sup> Gen. 12:1-4, 17:1-2, 22:15-18, II Chron. 20:7, Gal. 3:6, Heb. 11:8-10, 13-19, James 2:21-24 <sup>7</sup> Gen. 26:1-6, 28:10-22, 32:24-29, Matt. 8:11, Heb. 11:9

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ending, everlasting, continual, perpetual, having unlimited existence; the quality of never ceasing to live or exist; exemption from death and annihilation; life destined to endure without end; perpetual youth and wholeness, as the immortality of the human soul.

“Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (II Tim. 1:10); exemption from obliv-

ion, perpetuity, existence not limited; the act of immortalizing by becoming born again of the Spirit of God through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord—Jesus the immortalizer.

Joshua said to Israel, “And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY WHOM YE 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 [this of a certainty was the right choice].

And the people [of Israel] answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods; For the Lord our God, He it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed: And the Lord drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serve the Lord; for He is our God” (Josh. 24:15-18).

## Texas

Dear family of Bernie LaZar Hoffman,

My name is Brandon and I currently am living directly beside Bernie. I speak to Bernie every day. He is my life teacher! He’s my mentor! He truly inspires me to do better and to be a better person! He’s truly a gift from God.

Today is 11-13-09 and I have to say, I have never been so disgusted with my country and its ways. I served in Iraq and I served for good people like Bernie to enjoy freedom and to teach the Gospel as he does. I completely regret fighting for this country! What is there to fight for, when they’re locking up preachers and promoting homosexuality and allowing Muslims to kill our armed forces? I believe that the end is near! I was atheist before jail and really on the path of destructions. I lost my faith in Iraq. I was an angry man after that and really blamed God for a lot of things. My parents can’t understand why I’ve changed so much. They told me I wasn’t the same man before as I was after. They don’t know the pain! I’ve learned since I’ve been in jail that God is the only answer. Brother Bernie has really helped me in these troubled thoughts. God has shined a light on me, and I’m following in Him. The devil’s no match for my God! I’m a free man spiritually and it feels so good—no more weight on my shoulders.

Unlike Judas, I will not deny Bernie. He is a good man and deserves to be free! God will prevail during all of this! I trust God—I give Him my all! God bless you and your family! Tell the ministry to hang on!

Respectfully,  
Brandon Griffin  
*Semper Fidelis*

Texarkana, TX

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A servant of God,  
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Andhra Pradesh, India



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God wants us to love Him unconditionally, because He is God, and because He has never, ever done anything wrong.<sup>1</sup> Now as for us, God does not love us without conditions.<sup>2</sup>

The first condition for us is that we accept Jesus as our savior, who also is the Word, and that we obey Him.<sup>3</sup> Because when Adam disobeyed God, he sinned, and we inherited the Adamic sin. “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23). When we give ourselves to the Lord, we must give Him all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, to the end.<sup>4</sup> That is condition number one. To accomplish this, we must be filled with the Spirit.<sup>5</sup>

Condition number two is that we must deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Christ and His commandments.<sup>6</sup> This means, of course, no more sinning, no more being disobedient to God.<sup>7</sup> This also can only be accomplished by our being filled with the Spirit. With only these two mandatory conditions, we can see why God does not love us unconditionally. We are more than able to do this while in the Holy Spirit!<sup>8</sup>

God has many other conditions for us, such as obeying Him in all things,<sup>9</sup> being in the Holy Spirit,<sup>10</sup> giving no place to the devil.<sup>11</sup> “Fear God, and keep His commandments” (Eccl. 12:13). God told Moses, The people of Israel will not serve ME

if they don't fear ME. “For [I, God, have] come to prove you, and that His fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not” (Ex. 20:20).<sup>12</sup>

Christ (the Word of God) is the bread, our bread of life.<sup>13</sup> I am sowing or casting Christ's Word, the bread of life, your way. It's up to you to receive it. Ecclesiastes 11:1 says, “Cast thy bread [the Word of God] upon the waters [preach the Word of God by the Spirit to the nations (waters are symbolic of nations)]: for thou shalt find it after many days.” (This means you will receive your rewards in Heaven as well as rewards here on earth for obediently preaching the Word in the Holy Spirit.)

Please God while you are yet young, before you get old. “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened [when you're still young], nor the clouds return after the rain: In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low [no more business as usual on the day of one's death],

and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low; Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high [God and the Judgment], and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish [life will go on for the rest of the world], and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home [Heaven or Hell are the long homes—they are forever], and the mourners go about the streets: Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl [of life] be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain [no more communion with God while on earth], or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity.

“And moreover, because the preacher was wise [feared God], he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs. The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth. The words of the wise [those who fear God] are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd [Jesus, the Word, and the good

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Shepherd]. And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is NO END; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: FEAR GOD, AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: FOR THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN. FOR GOD SHALL BRING EVERY WORK [everything we do] into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Eccl. 12:1-14).

Evil is rejecting Christ, who is the salvation God has provided for you and for me.<sup>14</sup> Accept Him now by saying this prayer unto Him:

### PRAYER

My Lord and my God, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.<sup>15</sup> I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God.<sup>16</sup> I believe that He died on the cross and shed His precious blood for the forgiveness of all my

former sins.<sup>17</sup> I believe that God raised Jesus from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit,<sup>18</sup> and that He sits on the right hand of God at this moment, hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.<sup>19</sup> I open up the door of my heart, and I invite You into my heart, Lord Jesus.<sup>20</sup> Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that You shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.<sup>21</sup> You will not turn me away, Lord Jesus; You will forgive my sins and save my soul. I know because Your Word, the Bible, says so.<sup>22</sup> Your Word says that You will turn no one away, and that includes me.<sup>23</sup> Therefore, I know that You have heard me, and I know that You have answered me, and I know that I am saved.<sup>24</sup> And I thank You, Lord Jesus, for saving my soul, and I will show my thankfulness by doing as You command and sin no more.<sup>25</sup>

You've just completed the first step in a series of five steps which are necessary to receive salvation. Your second step is to deny yourself and take up your

cross daily and follow Jesus for the purpose of mortifying your flesh, that is, for putting to death your own will, your soulful self, and the world with all of its lusts. All these must be baptized into the watery death of Christ.

Step three is your resurrection from the satanic life of Adam unto the sinless life of Christ. Step four is your ascension into a position of authority to reign for God with Christ on earth, and the fifth step is to reign for God in Christ on earth to the end for the purpose of bringing about the kingdom of Heaven on earth. You must learn the Word of God, submit yourselves one to another, and do what the Word says so that the church and the world may see evidence of your submission to God's Word, His order, and His authority in and by you.

Praise the Lord. May God bless and reward you abundantly.

Yours in the wonderful name of Jesus,  
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