

TWO CHOICES

Song lyrics can be humorous at times, especially in country music. Country music may have weird words but rap takes on a violent and nasty connotation. Years ago, there was a country music song sung by Home and Jethro, "I've got tears in my ears from lyin' on my back in my bed while I cry over you." There was a time when folks thought if you played a record backwards it had a subliminal message. A joke was made that if you played a country music song backwards, you got your wife back, you got your car back and you got your mobile home back. Since I'm no authority on any of this, it is just an introduction to a point.

There was a song recently that went, "Life has many choices but eternity only has two." There may be some truth to this, in the sense of where you live and work, but in eternity you have no choices at all. Choices have already been made before you reach eternity. You only have two choices in life and that will determine your eternity. Those choices are to follow Christ or the devil. Joshua made a choice when he said, "...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Jos. 24:15).

When you examine scripture, pictures are drawn of the judgment; choices made in life determine where you spend eternity. Jesus drew this picture for us in Matthew, "and before him shall be gathered all nations; and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats; And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left" (Matt 26:32-33). Only two choices and those determined by how you lived, as is portrayed in verses thirty-one through forty-six.

Note another passage of scripture. "Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28-29). At the resurrection, you will not have a choice because the choice was made while you lived on earth.

Yes, there are a lot of choices to make in life, but only one will matter in the judgment. Moses challenged the children of Israel with this, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live" (Deut. 30:19).

What choice will you make?

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