“Choose Ye This Day”
Josh. 24:15

Introduction:
A. Joshua’s farewell address to Israel.
   1. Reminds them of God’s past blessings (vv. 2-13).
   2. Challenges them to put away idols and serve God. (14-25).
B. Joshua’s most famous words in verse 15:
   1. “Joshua Plaques” in countless homes.
   2. Verse highlighted in open Bibles in many homes.
C. Joshua’s words contain some important implications about man and choosing:

Discussion:
I. God Has Given Man the Power to Choose.
   A. Theology - not God robs man of choice (Calvinism).
      1. Unconditional election, irresistible grace, unconditional security.
      2. “What is to be will be” in life’s events.
   B. If God does not allow man to choose then:
      1. He asks the impossible of him. (v. 22; cf. Deut. 30:19).
      2. He holds him accountable for the impossible (Adam & Eve - Gen 2,3).
      3. He attaches conditions to blessings that man cannot meet. (cf. Mt. 11:28; Rev. 22:17)
II. God Has Given Man the Right And Responsibility to Choose.
   A. One should choose after investigation and deliberation (cf. Acts 17:11)
      1. Having do all to stand, then stand (Eph. 6:13,14).
      2. Irresponsible to choose without studying issue.
      3. Irresponsible to choose on mere sentiment or emotion.
      4. Irresponsible to remain undecided on vital issues (cf. 1 Kings 18:21; Rev. 3:15,16).
         a. Often because of cowardice or laziness.
         b. Fence straddling and middle-of-the-roadism.
   B. One must accept the results of his choice. (Cf. Gal. 6:7)
      1. If decide on certain life-style — prepare to accept consequences.(cf. Rom. 6:23).
      2. If decide to be a Christian — be willing to accept all the results.(Mk. 10:30; Heb. 11:25).
   C. One must make important choices daily — cf. “Choose .. this day.”
      1. Each Lord’s Day.
      2. Each Class or gospel meeting.
      3. Each Pay Day — Spend all on self or give some to the Lord.
      4. Each day — Conduct life as Christian or as world dictates.

Conclusion:
A. Let us recognize our options — Many wrong ways (“gods”), one right way (“the Lord”).
B. Let us recognize our choices affect others — “Me and my house.”
C. Let us recognize that choices can be of eternal import — get the facts.
D. Let us recognize that when we have the facts no decision is the wrong decision.