

1. Joshua's plea: "Choose ye this day whom you will serve." "If it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord,"

- 1. The gods that your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or,
- 2. The gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell.

2. Some plan of life should be thought out and followed with decision.

- 1. Our miscellaneous impulses nearly always prove a very poor guide.
- 2. A planless life is a powerless life. Until we form some aim and keep at it tomorrow will be always moving in a different direction from today.

3. Choice and Decision. Joshua is the leader of the people...He

does not command submission to God, and forcibly compel it. He exhorts but leaves the choice open. He saw that every man could choose, would choose, and must choose for himself.

1. Men compelled to serve would be only slaves, and God seeks sons. They would render lip service, God seeks the love of the heart; they would be miserable, God would make them happy.

4. The call to choose teaches:

- 1. We are free to choose. God would not value forced devotion.
- 2. We cannot serve God unless we choose to
- 3. Indecision is a fatal error.
- 4. There is no rational reason for delay. Heb. 3:7-11.

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*there can be neither progress, peace, strength, nor usefulness in life in desultory.*

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