

"Choose ye this day Whom ye will Serve"

Joshua 24:15:.....

1-Consider the American 20th Century.

1-It is a baffling, and difficult, and paradoxical century.

(We have poverty and starvation--but only in (the midst of plenty)

(We have the biggest wars in the midst of the (most widespread, the deepest and the most articulate hatred of war in all history)

2-No century has been so big with promise for human progress and happiness, and in no one century have so many men and women and children suffered such pain, and anguish, and bitter death.

3-Every century has presented its problems..  
(Titanic struggles of all kinds)

4-The story of the king who would know about life. The sage brought:  
1-50 volume first, 2-Then 20 volumes,  
3-Then he brought 10 volumes. The king was to busy to read all these books, so the sage brought it in one line:  
Man lives--Man suffers--Man dies....

5-From this 20th century we look back about 20 centuries before Christ.....  
(To be exact 15 Centuries)  
(To the time of Joshua)The first words spoken to Joshua in the book that bears his name, (Moses my Servant is Dead)

6-Not only before, but since that time, in every century, THE PERPLEXITIES OF LIFE, THE DARK ABYSS OF THE GRAVE, stamps upon our mind, indelibly, the saying of the sage:  
1-That man lives, 2-Man suffers,  
3-Man dies.

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7-From the trembling lips of one within a step of death come the appeal which through all the centuries since has pierced and moved and won the hearts of men.

8-Joshua calls upon Israel to make a decision:  
1-Joshua well knew that all service that was not free and voluntary could on be:  
1-Deceit and hypocrisy in the rankest form

9-If you serve the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell,  
1-Had you served those gods you would never have been here.  
2-The Amorites would not have been driven out before you.

10-About a thousand years this side of the flood. Would you serve the gods of your fathers on the other side of the flood.  
(POINT OUT THE WICKEDNESS OF THE PEOPLE ON) (THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FLOOD) (The fact that those gods were powerless to deliver from) (destruction)

11-Some plan of life should be soberly thought out and followed with decision.  
1-Our miscellaneous impulses always prove a poor guide.  
(Until we form some aim and keep to it, )  
(tomorrow will be always moving in a dif-)  
(ferent direction from today-----)  
(In fact, under this plan, tomorrow will)  
*lose* (what today has won\*\*\*\*-----)

2-Take note of this: A planless life is a powerless life.....

12<sup>11</sup>"In days when faith is weak, and compromise has become general", 1-When the sense of duty is slight or the definitions of duty vague, we need men to say, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord".

