

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The Choice is Yours!

For all accountable adults, there exist two households upon earth. One belongs to Jesus Christ and the other belongs to Satan. Those who do the will of God belong to His household, but those who obey Satan belong to his.

But who would dare “obey” Satan? In a very real way, those who refuse to obey God are obeying Satan. When a person knows what God expects of him but chooses rather to ignore such instructions, he is actually choosing to follow Jesus’ adversary. The Bible often emphasizes this fact.

When Eve chose to rebel against God’s clear instructions regarding the famous tree, whom did she choose to follow? When Judas made the decision to betray his Lord, who was behind that decision? John 13:27 tells us that Satan actually “entered” into Judas. But what does this mean? Obviously, Satan found a quick entrance into this man’s corrupt heart and took full advantage of it. When Ananias and his wife Sapphira chose to lie to the church, who do you suppose was behind this evil decision? Acts 5:3 tells us that Peter told Ananias that it was Satan who had “filled his heart to lie to the Holy Spirit.” When Simon the sorcerer offered money to the apostles in an attempt to purchase the ability to give the Holy Spirit to others, Peter said to him: ***“Your money perish with you, because you have thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money...your heart is not right in the sight of God, for I perceive that you are in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.”*** In other words, he was under the influence of the dark side. When Jesus said to Peter, “get behind me Satan,” it seems obvious that He knew who was influencing Peter’s words. (Matthew 16:23).

It is easy for a person to know which household he belongs to by simply observing whom he chooses to follow. All faithful Christians are heirs with Christ. His riches become our riches and His joy becomes our joy. In the same manner, His character should become our character. But to follow Satan is to develop his characteristics. To secure eternal life we must remain faithful to the Lord. Those who reject eternal life are choosing to remain faithful to Satan. The promise of eternal hope belongs only to those who make the personal choice to remain faithful members of Jesus’ household. To those who make this wise choice, the death of the physical body is merely the beginning of life eternal.

—Tulsa, OK

Our Choices

Decisions have tremendous implications for our lives. I read somewhere of a young man who was planning a medical career who had to make a decision one evening about studying or attending a ball game. He attended the game and the next day made a low grade on the test. It so happened that the low grade kept him out of medical school, and made it necessary for him to change his plans for the future.

At times, what seems to be an innocent choice is fraught with grave consequences. A man named Lot once made what seemed to be an innocent choice. Strife arose between his herdsmen and the herdsmen of his kinsman, Abram. In order to avoid even more serious problems, Abram thought it best for them to separate, but gave Lot the privilege of choosing whatever land he desired. Lot chose the plain of Jordan and journeyed east. He ***“pitched his tent toward Sodom.”*** (Genesis 13:12). What seemingly was an innocent choice led to a disaster. In Sodom his righteous soul was vexed and he lost a part of his family. Even in fleeing the tragedy continued. His wife looked back and became a pillar of salt. Afterward, his daughters, contaminated by the immorality of that wicked place, made their father drunk and conceived children by him. Moses, in Genesis 18-19, shows us the real ugliness of this innocent but unwise decision.

But there are better examples in the book of God. ***“By faith, Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; choosing rather to share ill treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.”*** (Hebrews 11:24-25). Moses chose God and His people and became God’s great leader and lawgiver. As long as the world stands, his influence for good will abide.

May God bless us in our decisions. These are very important to the worth of our own lives and the lives of those around us. Undergirded by good moral principles and with our attention focused on things eternal, we can make decisions which are sound and good.

“Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:14-15).

Amarillo, TX

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Richard Siler in the loss of his brother, **Tom Siler**. Tom lost his battle with cancer at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1st in Weatherford, TX. He was 79 years old. Keep the Siler family in your prayers.

Response

Carolyn Wilkerson came forward last Sunday morning during the invitation requesting prayers regarding her health issues. She is struggling with a problem that is unknown to the doctors. Please keep Carolyn in your prayers and for the doctors treating her. May they have an insight as to what is going on and are able to prescribe the correct treatment.

Prayer Requests

Tim Garvin (Wilene Wright's son-in-law) suffered a stroke two weeks ago in Waco, TX. The effects of the stroke is not known at this time. Please keep Tim in your prayers.

Opal Hager. Christy's grandmother, was put under Hospice Care and is in a very serious condition at this time. Prayers have been requested for her. Opal lives in Weatherford, TX.

Concerns Update

David Ryan got back home from having a treatment done on his back in Dallas. David starts his physical therapy this week.

Melissa Moore had a surgical procedure done on her foot in Lubbock, January 28th. She was allergic to the internal sutures that were used in her last surgery causing an infection that had to be removed.

Hannah Weakland's out-patient surgery went well and she is doing okay.

Prayer List

Wayne Anderson; Betty Brooks; Bill & Mary Brown; Abessa Chavez; Jon Cooper; June Deavers; Doug Dowell; Kim Drake; Andrew Durfee; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Irma Gomez; Paul Gunn; Opal Hager; Phil Halbert; Liz Leach; Mildred Lee; Betty Leeth; Miguel Lozano; Vanessa Machuca; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Rudy Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Corina Rodriguez; David Ryan; Diane Salinas; Gary Schwulst; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Luke Wells; Janet Wesson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question ... (True or False)

Jesus predicted that persecution would be so intense for His disciples that only natural family ties would be strong enough to protect believers from betrayal.

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

Matthew is the only gospel to record the healing of the two blind men who followed Jesus to the house where He was to stay. (Matthew 9:27-31)

Events Watch *"In Search of the Lord's Way"* Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

Office News

The New Mexico Christian Children's Home will be here March 2nd. They are requesting **Chicken Bouillon Cubes**. They also accept monetary donations.

Note: **Susan Simmons** has placed her membership with the Parkview congregation because it was going to be more convenient to get to church services. We will miss her.

Contrast

God uses many illustrations to show us the reality of our behavior. He also shows us the consequences of our actions by illustrations; Isaiah and Jeremiah used the jackal to show how the promised land of Israel would be changed after Israel had been captured and carried away. The jackal roamed in packs and fed on carrion left by other animals. The jackals were very cowardly and lived where the countryside was desolate and barren.

The Holy Spirit gives us another way to make sure that we clearly understand His teachings. When we read about prayer, the Word uses contrast to show us the acceptable prayer and the unacceptable prayer. The Pharisee prayed that he was so thankful that he was so much better than other men. The contrast was the publican who would not lift his eyes toward heaven and prayed that God would be merciful to him a sinner. Of course, the publican's prayer was acceptable to God. This example is found in Luke 18.

James 4:3 states, *"You ask, and do not receive because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions."* The contrast comes in James 5:16 which states, *"The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."*

The most direct expression of our communion with God is prayer. We need to be very careful to pray in an acceptable way to our Heavenly Father.

—Carrol Duncan

February 7, 2021

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Don Eason	Jacob Carson
Second Prayer	Oliver Hernandez	Miguel Lozano
Closing Prayer	Tommy Garcia	Gary Loving
Lords Supper		
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	Joshua Weakland	Richard Siler Communion (In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990 – *Deacon:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 – *Pulpit:* John Wood 413-7444– *Table:* Richard Siler 556-2151– *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990– *Recording Sermons:* Trinidad Wood 413-8508 – *Collections:* Trinidad Wood

Sunday AM

“An Example of Christian Love”
(III John 1:1-4 & 13-14)

Sunday PM

“Change in Attitude”
(I Thessalonians 5:16-22)

Our Records

Bible Class... 58
Morning Worship ...69
Evening Worship ...40
Wednesday...50
Contribution... \$3,236.00

