

## Deuteronomy 30:11-20

<sup>11</sup> "For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach. <sup>12</sup> "It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?' <sup>13</sup> "Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?' <sup>14</sup> "But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it. <sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity; <sup>16</sup> in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the LORD your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it. <sup>17</sup> "But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You shall not prolong *your* days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess it. <sup>19</sup> "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, <sup>20</sup> by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

This scripture lays out for each of us what having a personal relationship with our God is all about. His commandments are not too difficult for us to understand. They are not so high that we can't reach them, or so low that we couldn't attain them. They are also not so far away that they are beyond our reach. Each of us will be completely without excuse when we stand to give an account before the Lord. God very clearly and simply explains to everyone who is willing to listen, that He has laid out before each one of us a choice. It is up to you and I whether we embrace life and prosperity, or death and adversity. This does not mean that bad things will never happen to those who are sold out to the Lord. But it does have everything to do with sowing and reaping. The Law of Reciprocity is all about sowing and reaping. The Lord promises here that we will reap what we sow, not only in this life but the next as well. God also lets us know that heaven and earth will stand as witnesses against us when we are to give an account. Many times people live a certain way when no one else is around, or perhaps when no one they know is around. But don't be deceived, everything you do and say is being accurately recorded for all of time. Trust me when I say that it is not man that you need to be mindful of, but the Creator of man, instead. Our Lord knowing the severity of this commandment even goes so far as to lay out the two choices, and then He even tells us which one to choose!

Beloved you are not the only one who will benefit or suffer from the consequences of those choices; but your descendants as well. Your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are counting on you to choose life and prosperity today, and everyday forward. Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting a different result. Beloved, I exhort you today to choose Jesus Christ, to make Him Lord of your life; to stop choosing sin over Him and His Word.