

# GREAT DECISIONS OF THE BIBLE

## INTRODUCTION

- A. Decisions in life have been made from the beginning of time.
  - 1. Eccl. 1:9 – “...*nothing new under the sun.*”
  - 2. Jer. 5:30-31 – “...*what decision will you make?*” (NKJ)
  - 3. Life is filled with decisions, good or bad.
- B. Adam and Eve were forced to make a decision, Gen. 3.
  - 1. They knew God’s commands perfectly.
  - 2. Eve even told the serpent of God’s command.
  - 3. They decided to disobey God and follow Satan.
  - 4. They used their own wisdom in making their decision, Pr. 16:25.

## I. DECISIONS FROM BIBLE CHARACTERS.

- A. Abraham.
  - 1. Abraham instructed to sacrifice Isaac, Gen. 22:1-12.
    - a. Abraham, 100 yrs. old birth of Isaac.
    - b. Promised from age 75.
  - 2. What made Abraham do the “right” thing? Heb. 11:6, 17-19 (faith)
- B. Lot, Gen. 13:1-13.
  - 1. Lot made a choice where to live with his family.
  - 2. Abraham instructed to command his children..., Gen. 18:19 (Eph. 6:4).
  - 3. Lot looked to material things, instead of God’s way.
- C. Moses.
  - 1. Heb. 11:24-26, the pleasures of sin, for a season (KJV).
  - 3. Rom. 8:18 – sufferings compared to glory...
- D. King Saul, 1 Sam. 15.
  - 1. Chose to spare the best, instead of obeying God, 1 Sam. 15:9.
  - 2. Once accused, chose to blame others, Ex. 23:1-2.
  - 3. Does it pay to follow the crowd?
    - a. Eccl. 12:13 – fear God and keep...
    - b. Mt. 10:28 – do not fear those who kill the body...
- E. Naaman, 2 Kings 5.
  - 1. Sent money and a letter to the wrong person, 2 Kgs. 5:5-6.
  - 2. Went with a pre-conceived idea of what would happen, 2 Kgs. 5:11.
  - 3. Began to reason as to “cleansing” method, 1 Pet. 3:21.
  - 4. Naaman’s cure, due to obedience to the word.
    - a. Gal. 3:27 – baptized, have clothed yourself...
    - b. Rom. 6:3 – baptized into His death...
- F. Joshua, Josh. 24:15.
- G. Elisha, Jeremiah, Daniel, etc.

## II. OUR DECISION TODAY.

- A. Follow Christ.
  - 1. Mt. 4:1-10 – temptation of Christ.
  - 2. Lk. 9:23 – Deny yourself and take up your cross...
  - 3. Acts 20:28 – purchased with the blood of Christ.
- B. Jesus Invites Today.
  - 1. Mt. 11:28 – Come to Me all who are weary...
  - 2. Rev. 3:20 – Behold, I stand at the door... (Laodicea).
- C. We Must Save Ourselves.
  - 1. Acts 2:40-41 – Save yourselves... (NIV).
  - 2. Heb. 5:8-9 – to those who obey, salvation.
  - 3. Heb. 4:7 – So, “Today if you hear His voice...”