

## **ONE CHOICE!**

Sometimes God eliminates all choices except ONE to help us make the right choice in His perfect Plan.

In this lesson, you will see how important obedience to the revealed Directive Will of God is in a believer's life and how very important it is to pay attention when God eliminates all the choices, but ONE.

**Our story line:** Just before leaving home, Jacob was given a charge by Isaac, a patriarch, regarding the messianic heirs of the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen.28:1-5).

**This lesson will study four aspects of the doctrine of ONE CHOICE.**

- 1. Just prior to arriving in Mesopotamia, Jacob experience the Directive Will of God delivered by a theophany at Bethel (Gen.28:10-22) [Specifically vs.12-15 - the Abraham Covenant]**

Later in this story this experience will be called **Jacob's Ladder**.

**God's Personal Directive Will – and Promise:**

(Gen.28:15) "Behold, **I am with you and will keep you** wherever you go; **and will bring you** back to this land; **for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.**" (Rom.4:21)

- 2. After leaving Bethel, Jacob arrived at Haran and the home of Laban (Rebekah's brother).**

There he met Rachel and it was love at first sight! (Gen.29:18-20). Love can be blind if it isn't compatible with the Directive Will of God.

There is great danger in making choices when in 'love at first sight' rather than 'by faith'.

(2 Cor.5:7) "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

**Walking by Sight is fleshly-minded thinking** – it being all about you!

(Rom.8:6-8) "For the mind set on the flesh is death (temporal), but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile towards God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God."

**You might ask, "How do I know when this is true in my life?"**

You know when you are no longer willing to adjust your desires to the Directive Will of God.

- 3. At this point you have become disoriented to the Directive Will and Plan of God for your life.**

You are no longer interested in divine guidance in the truth of the word of God

(John 8:32) "And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

As a believer you are no longer committed to doing the Will of God **whole heartedly** (Eph.6:6).

(Heb.11:6) "And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."

**4. When God reduces a believer's choices to ONE, it becomes especially important for that believer to pay special attention to what the Directive Will of God is.**

When God reduces your choices to ONE, it is still the Directive Will of God no matter how much you reject it or run away from it!

We learned this doctrinal principle from Jonah.

(Jonah 1:1) "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it because its wickedness has come up before Me."

Jonah rejected the Directive Will of God and ran as far as he could away from it!

**Principle:** You can't run nor hide from doing the Will of God! (Example: Adam and Eve) (Gen.3:7-10).

In the conflict of wills, Jonah **falsely assumed that God** would obey his will without any push back towards it.

Fleshly-minded believers think that it is God's job to obey their will and to make them happy.

**In the conflict of wills, God always wins!**

Jonah couldn't hide in a boat sailing away from Israel, nor at the bottom of the sea, nor in the stomach of a sea monster! In the end, he was glad that "**God never left him nor forsook him!**" (Heb.13:5)

(Jonah 2:1) "Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the stomach of the fish."

(Jonah 2:6b) "But You have brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God."

When Jonah returned to God by confession of sin (1 John 1:9), he still had ONLY ONE choice!

**Question:** Do you know what God told Jonah?

(Jonah 3:1-2) "Now the **word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time**, saying, 'Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and proclaim to it the proclamation I am going to tell you.'"