



ENJOYING THE GOOD LIFE "Decision Time" Deuteronomy 30:11-20

No. 5725

Stuart Briscoe

Life is made up of decisions. Some are made for us, others we must make for ourselves. Many appear to be relatively insignificant, some are profoundly important. But nobody among the children of Israel was unaware of the significance of the decision that they faced.

I. Decision Making and Freedom.

- A. Theories of freedom.
 - 1. Determinism.
 - a. Naturalistic.
 - b. Theistic.
 - 2. Indeterminism.
 - 3. Self-determinism.
- B. Biblical teachings on freedom.
 - 1. Divine sovereignty.
 - 2. Human responsibility. See Genesis 2:16-17; Ezekiel 18:1-32

II. Decision Making and Facts.

- A. Decisions often made on impulse.
- B. Decisions should be based on information.
 - 1. Concerning facts. vv. 11-14
 - a. Not too difficult.
 - i. "The Lord is your life." v. 20
 - ii. "Choose life." v. 19
 - b. In your heart and mouth.
 - 2. Concerning options. v. 19
 - a. Blessings and curses. See 27:1-28:68
 - b. Life and death. See John 3:16; 5:24
 - 3. Concerning choices.
 - a. Humble dependence or arrogant independence.
 - b. Loving obedience or willful disobedience.

III. Decision Making and Follow-Up.

- A. A decision about living. v. 19
 - 1. He is Lord of life.
 - 2. He is Lord of life eternal.
- B. A decision about loving. v. 20
 - 1. He is the focus of my attention.
 - 2. He is the magnet of my affection.
- C. A decision about listening.
 - 1. He is the source of my learning.
 - 2. He is the subject of my sharing. See Romans 10:6-15