

“SIMPLE CHOICES”

Here are some of my musings I would like to share with you with the hope they might draw us closer to the “One who loves us most of all”.

God makes things simple. We tend to make things complicated. As the Father deals with His children in terms of decisions, He always has and always will make them simple for us. What do I mean by that. God gives us a choice. Our response is either - yes or no. Let me illustrate.

“In the beginning God made the heavens and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1). Yes or no?

If “yes”, then God is good, and you can rejoice in the beauty of His creation.

If “no”, then you have to come up with how it all came into being and all the consequences that go along with that decision.

“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” (Genesis 1:27) Yes or no?

If “yes”, then God is good, and you can rejoice in the two sexes God created – male and female.

If “no”, then you have anywhere from 5 to 64 +/- genders you can choose from and all the consequences that go along with that decision.

“You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.” (Genesis 2:16b-17). Yes or no?

If “yes”, then God is good, and Adam and Eve could have enjoyed the presence of God and enjoyed His provision forever.

If “no”, then you eat of the tree and live with all the consequences that went along with that decision. Which they did and we still do.

“When God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female and blessed them. And when they were created, He called them “man”. (Genesis 5:1b-2). Yes or no?

If “yes”, then God is good, and you can rejoice in being one “race” – human.

If “no”, then you have a variety of cultural races and live with all the consequences that go along with that decision.

“Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ‘All this I will give you, if you will bow down and worship me,’ he said. Jesus said to him, ‘Away from Me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.’” There are two kingdoms – God’s and Satan’s. (Matthew 4:8-10) Yes or no?

If “yes”, we choose the Kingdom of God, - God is good, and we line up with the Ruler and His rules.

If “no”, we choose the kingdoms of this world and its ruler and all the consequences that go along with that decision.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16) Yes or no?

If “yes”, we have eternal life – God is good, and we enjoy His life.

If “no”, we choose our own way and all the consequences that go along with that decision.

I could go on and on with examples of simple choices – it is always a choice between God and His way, or the “world, the flesh and the devil” and his way. This is not to say when we say “yes” to God, He is going to make it easy. It is to say, “God is good and there is no better way”.

When we choose “no” the consequences always lead to sin, bondages, confusion and ultimately to eternal separation from God. It seems to me, when we boil things down, we tend to make things more complicated because we don’t like it to be a simple “yes” or “no” issue. We want choices. The Father longs for obedience.