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1. Reasons for the Choice 24:1-13

a. God had done all this “I”

b. He is a God of action

✓ I took

✓ I assigned

✓ I sent

✓ I did there

✓ I delivered

I gave

I brought

I afflicted

I destroyed

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1. Reasons for the Choice (continued)

c. Utter depravity of man Jeremiah 17:9

✓ Genesis 6:5

✓ Romans 3:10-12

✓ Psalms 14:1-3; 53:1 Ecclesiastes 7:20

d. Our past clings to us

✓ We are forgiven! But....

✓ We must make a series of choices constantly

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2. Responsibility of the Choice 24:14,15

a. The options

- ❖ Babylonian gods - "beyond the River"
- ❖ Egyptian gods - "in Egypt"
- ❖ Amorite gods - "where they dwell now"
- ❖ One true God - whom I have given evidence

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2. Responsibility of the Choice (cont'd)

b. A definite choice is a willingness to :

- ❖ Quit straddling the fence
- ❖ Exert influence on others not vice versa
- ❖ A decision not made lightly
- ❖ Public knowledge of your position
- ❖ Follow through with total commitment

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3. Results of the Choice 24:16-33

- a. A witness stone at Shechem
- b. Joshua died
- c. Bones of Joseph
- d. Eleazar the son of Aaron died
- e. 24:31
- f. 2 Timothy 4:7,8

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Application

What choice have you made?

Are you continuing to choose?

Is your choice one of firm commitment?

What areas do you need to choose better?

Are your choices influencing others positively?