



# **CHOOSE**

## **Deuteronomy 30:11-20**

**“Hear & Remember” Sermon Series**

**God's people can obey  
His Word.**

**11** “For this commandment that I command you today is **not too hard** for you, **neither is it far off.** **12** It is **not in heaven,** that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ **13** **Neither is it beyond the sea,** that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ **14** But **the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that...**

**YOU CAN DO IT.**

**“The law is intelligible to all and accessible to all. Thus, to say that the law is not too difficult does not mean that obedience is easy but rather that it is *simple*... all those who are include in the covenant relationship (cf. 29:10-15; 31:12-13) are deemed capable of understanding and obeying the covenant law.”**

**(Christopher Wright)**

# Please note:

It is NOT advocating self-righteousness.

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”

(Romans 12:1)

# **Please note:**

**The confidence to obey God's word has nothing to do with our capacity to do it but it has everything to do with the grace of God.**

**“And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.”**

**(Deuteronomy 30:6)**



# **Circumcision of your heart**

- **Jeremiah 31:33**
- **Ezekiel 36:26-27**
- **Romans 2:25-29**
- **Colossians 2:11**

**26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.**

**(Ezekiel 36:26-27)**

**28 For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. 29 But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.**

**(Romans 2:28-29)**

**Circumcision symbolizes removing the stubbornness that prevents the heart from properly loving God (cf. Ex. 6:12, where “uncircumcised lips” do not speak well; Jer. 6:10, where “uncircumcised ears” do not hear clearly). – ESV Study Bible**

**Circumcision of the heart enables love and obedience to God.**

**<sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them.**

**<sup>6</sup> But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down)**

**<sup>7</sup> “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim)**

**(Romans 10:5-8)**

**The true response to the law (which is obedience) is possible in Christ.**

**“Paul reminds us that the way to life and the way to live are fully set before us in Jesus Christ, in who he was and what he said and did.” (P. D. Miller)**

- God's people can obey His Word.
- Circumcision of the heart enables love and obedience to God.
- It is also a matter of choice.

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.” (v 15)

# What is life?

If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by **loving the Lord your God**, by walking in his ways, and by **keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules**, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. (v 16)



“Therefore *choose life*, that you and your offspring may live, **loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice** and holding fast to him, **for he is your life** and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.” (v 19-20)

“Life, in the end, is not found in the law itself, but in the God who gave it; for ultimately, the Lord is your life.”

(Christopher Wright)

*Isn't the choice obvious?*

**“But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them” (v 17)**

- **Half-hearted obedience**
- **I can't or I won't**

*What is it that will help us to  
choose life over death?*

## **Hear and Remember**

- To remember God is to live according to what we know of God and what He desires of us.
- Any failure to obey is a failure to hear and remember

**“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”**

**(1 Peter 2:9)**