## **Making the Decision**

**Joshua 24:14 (NKJV)** "Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and **put away** the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord!

Joshua 24:15 (NKJV) And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

**Joshua 24:23 (NKJV)** "Now therefore," he said, "**put away** the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord God of Israel."

James 3:2 (NLT) Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.

James 3:6 (NKJV) And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

Matthew 12:33 (NKJV) "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

**Matthew 12:34 (NKJV)** Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the **abundance of the heart the mouth speaks**.

Matthew 12:35 (NKJV) A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. Matthew 12:36 (NKJV) But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

Matthew 12:37 (NKJV) For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."



## Focused, Faithful and Finishing Well

Saturday-Sunday, October 14-15, 2023

Matthew 24:4 (NKJV) And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

**Matthew 24:5 (NKJV)** For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

Matthew 24:6 (NKJV) And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. Matthew 24:7 (NKJV) For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. Matthew 24:8 (NKJV) All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Matthew 24:12 (NKJV) And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

Matthew 24:14 (NKJV) And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

**2 Timothy 3:1 (NLT)** You should know this, Timothy, that in **the last days** there will be very difficult times.

**2 Timothy 3:2 (NLT)** For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred.

**2 Timothy 3:3 (NLT)** They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good.

**2 Timothy 3:4 (NLT)** They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God.

## 2 Timothy 3:5 (NLT)

They will **act religious**, but they will **reject the power** that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

**2 Peter 3:1 (NLT)** This is my second letter to you, dear friends, and in both of them I

have tried to stimulate your wholesome thinking and refresh your memory.

**2 Peter 3:2 (NLT) I want you to remember** what the holy prophets said long ago and what our Lord and Savior commanded through your apostles.

**2 Peter 3:3 (NLT)** Most importantly, **I want to remind you** that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires.

**2 Peter 3:4 (NLT)** They will say, "What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created."

**2 Peter 3:5 (NLT)** They deliberately forget that God made the heavens long ago by the word of his command, and he brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water.

**2 Peter 3:6 (NLT)** Then he used the water to destroy the ancient world with a mighty flood.

**2 Peter 3:7 (NLT)** And by the same word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the day of judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed.

**2 Peter 3:8 (NLT)** But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day.

2 Peter 3:9 (NLT) The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

2 Peter 3:10 (NLT) But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.
2 Peter 3:11 (NLT) Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives you should live,

2 Peter 3:12 (NLT) looking forward to the day of God and hurrying it along.

Matthew 28:18 (NLT) Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

Matthew 28:19 (NLT) Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:20 (NLT) Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

John 5:19 (NLT) So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.

John 15:4 (NKJV) Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. John 15:5 (NKJV) "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

John 5:20 (NLT) For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. In fact, the Father will show him how to do even greater works than healing this man. Then you will truly be astonished.

John 16:13 (NKJV) However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

John 16:14 (NKJV) He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

John 16:15 (NKJV) All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

Acts 2:17 (NLT) 'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.

Acts 2:18 (NLT) In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike— and they will prophesy.

Acts 2:21 (NLT) But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'