

## **SERVING GOD, A CHOICE**

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We all have the ability to choose. We can choose between serving God and serving the Devil (that is really the only choice available). The ability to choose between good and evil has always been within the grasp of each person. God built the ability to choose into man in the beginning. Man could obey or disobey God. The word of God records in Gen 2:16-17 "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Man chose to disobey the command God had given and as a result suffered punishment from God.

The fact that the choice to serve God is an individual responsibility is established by a statement made by Joshua in the Old Testament in Josh 24:15 "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

The fact is that you **HAVE** made a choice, the question we need to ask ourselves is: have I made the right choice? **HAVE I MADE THE CHOICE TO SERVE GOD?**