


# GOD DEALS IN BLACK AND WHITE – YOU MUST CHOOSE!

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**NOTE:** - All Bible texts are taken from the King James Version; and the compiler has supplied all emphasis throughout this Study Document.

 As the title of this small Study Document indicates, the Bible is full of clear, unambiguous, **black and white opposites!** The Bible has no grey area; there is no option to just try and choose the right; you do or you do not choose the right. Let us by the grace of God choose the options that will bring us salvation and eternal life!

- From the beginning of Creation, God divided or separated the light from the existing darkness. Therefore, light is the opposite of darkness. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the True Light of this world.

Genesis 1:1 - 4: - “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and **darkness** was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw **the light**, that *it was good*: and **God divided the light from the darkness.**”

John 1:1 – 5 & 9: - “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the **light** of men. And the **light** shineth in **darkness**; and the **darkness** comprehended it not. ... *That was the true Light*, which **lighteth** every man that cometh into the world.”

John 8:12: - “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the **light** of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in **darkness**, but shall have the **light** of life.”

Romans 13:12: - “The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off **the works of darkness**, and let us put on **the armour of light**.”

- The truth is the opposite of a lie or bearing false witness.

Proverbs 12:17: - “*He that* **speaketh truth** sheweth forth righteousness: but a **false witness deceit**.”

John 8:44: - “Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the **truth**, because there is no **truth** in him. When he speaketh a **lie**, he speaketh of his own: for he is a **liar**, and the father of it.”

Ephesians 4:25: - “Wherefore **putting away lying, speak every man truth** with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.”

1st John 2:21: - “I have not written unto you because ye know not the **truth**, but because ye know it, and that **no lie is of the truth**.”

- Good is the opposite of evil.

Amos 5:14 & 15: - “**Seek good, and not evil**, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. **Hate the evil, and love the good**, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.”

Romans 12:21: - “Be not overcome of **evil**, but overcome **evil with good**.”

3rd John Verse 11: - “Beloved, follow not that which is **evil**, but that which is **good**. **He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God**.”

- Believing or having faith is the opposite of being unbelieving or of unbelief.

John 20:27 & 28: - “Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into my side: and **be not faithless, but believing**. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.”

- Obedience to God's commandments is a blessing; while disobedience to God's commandments is a curse.

Deuteronomy 11:26 – 28: - "Behold, I set before you this day **a blessing and a curse; A blessing**, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: **And a curse**, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known."

- Righteousness is the opposite of sin.

Proverbs 14:34: - "**Righteousness** exalteth a nation: but **sin** is a reproach to any people."

1st Corinthians 15:34: - "Awake to **righteousness**, and **sin** not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak *this* to your shame."

- The Holy Spirit and His fruits are the opposite of the flesh and its works.

Galatians 5:16 - 23: - "*This* I say then, Walk in **the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of **the flesh**. **For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other:** so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now **the works of the flesh** are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

- The spiritual mind is the opposite of the carnal mind.

Romans 8:5 & 6: - "For they that are after **the flesh** do mind the things of **the flesh**; but they that are after **the Spirit** the things of **the Spirit**. For to be **carnally minded** is death; but to be **spiritually minded** is life and peace."

- Obedience is the opposite of disobedience.

Romans 5:19: - “For as by one man's **disobedience** many were made sinners, so by the **obedience** of one shall many be made righteous.”

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:5 & 6: - “Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the **obedience** of Christ; and having in a readiness to revenge all **disobedience**, when your **obedience** is fulfilled.”

- Being humble and having a lowly mind is the opposite of pride and self exaltation.

Proverbs 16:18 & 19: - “**Pride goeth** before destruction, and **an haughty spirit before a fall**. Better *it is to be* **of an humble spirit with the lowly**, than to divide the spoil with **the proud**.”

Matthew 23:12: - “And whosoever shall **exalt** himself shall be abased; and he that shall **humble** himself shall be exalted.”

Luke 18:14: - “I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other: **for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted**.”

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:5: - “Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with **humility**: for God resisteth **the proud**, and giveth grace to **the humble**.”

- Being unjust is the opposite of being righteous; being filthy [that is, being morally filthy] is the opposite of being holy.

Revelation 22:11 & 12: - “He that is **unjust**, let him be unjust still: and he which is **filthy**, let him be filthy still: and he that is **righteous**, let him be righteous still: and he that is **holy**, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”

**NOTE**: - I should point out for the reader, that this passage of Scripture, is set just before the second coming of Jesus takes place. This truth is established

from VS. 12, where the Apostle John records Jesus speaking about his imminent second coming, when He shall reward every person according to their work.

## THE BIBLE CLEARLY SETS FORTH TWO OPPOSITE ETERNAL DESTINIES: -

- Jesus taught that there are two opposite gates [wide or strait]; two ways [broad or narrow]; two ultimate destinations [destruction or life]; and two completely opposite numbers travelling on the respective paths [many or few].

Matthew 7:13 & 14: - “Enter ye in at the strait gate: **for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**”

- Jesus sets before us two opposite eternal destinies – everlasting punishment or everlasting life.

Matthew 25:46: - “And these shall go away into **everlasting punishment<sup>1</sup>**: but the righteous into **life eternal.**”

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<sup>1</sup> The word “**punishment**” is a noun, and is **not** a verbal action. It is defined as: -

“*[mass noun]* 1. The infliction or imposition of a penalty as retribution for an offence. ... 1.1. A penalty inflicted as retribution for an offence. ... *informal* Rough treatment or handling.” - Oxford English Dictionary - <https://www.lexico.com/definition/punishment> - accessed 27 June, 2020.

According to the Apostle Paul, the lost shall be punished with everlasting destruction. It is the destruction that is eternal.

2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 1:7 - 9: - “And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, **in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.**”

- The Apostle John's gospel sets before the reader, everlasting life for those who believe in the Son of God, while those who do not believe in Him, will perish and will not see life.

John 3:16: - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not **perish**, but have **everlasting life**."

John 3:36: - "He that believeth on the Son hath **everlasting life**: and he that believeth not the Son **shall not see life**; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

- The Apostle Paul holds out two opposite rewards – the wages of sin = death; the gift of God = eternal life.

Romans 6:23: - "For **the wages of sin is death**; but **the gift of God is eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord."

- There are going to be two resurrections of the dead; the resurrection of the just unto everlasting life; and the resurrection of the unjust, unto damnation [that is condemnation], shame and everlasting contempt.

Acts 24:15: - "And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be **a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust**."

John 5:28 & 29: - "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, **unto the resurrection of life**; and they that have done evil, **unto the resurrection of damnation**."

Daniel 12:2: - "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some **to everlasting life**, and some **to shame and everlasting contempt**."

## THE ULTIMATE OPPOSITES – GOD'S LAST WARNING TO HUMANITY: -

- God's last warning message to humanity, the Third Angel's message that is found in the book of Revelation, gives to us clear, distinct and unambiguous opposite groups. This message warns against any person, worshipping the Beast and its Image, and receiving the Mark of

the Beast in the forehead or hand. This message contains a fearful and awfully solemn warning of what will be the fate of those who do any of the three things humanity is warned not to do. They shall receive the wrath of God unmixed with mercy, and they shall be tormented with fire and brimstone. The Apostle John then gives the reader a simple, opposite group of people to those who he has just described as receiving the wrath of God. He describes **the saints** as being those who keep the Commandments of God [that is, the Commandments of God the Father]; and they also keep the Faith of Jesus.

Revelation 14:9 – 12: - “And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, **If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his*\* mark in his forehead, or in his hand**, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship **the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints:** here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”


**NOTE:** - [\*The word “*his*” is in italics and has been supplied by the translators, as it has no corresponding personal pronoun in the Greek text.] Let me simplify these two opposite groups for the reader. The saints are characterised as being God’s Commandment keeping people, who also keep the Faith of Jesus. While the other group of people who will receive the wrath of God, will pay homage and submission to the Beast, Image and receive the Mark of the Beast.

While Revelation 13 which is the previous chapter, has given the reader some detailed identifying characteristics of the Beast, Image and the Mark of the Beast, these prophetic delineations may be somewhat overwhelming in the details and symbolism contained within this chapter, for the average reader, or for a young person. But what is easy to understand for any reader, is the contrasting **opposite** descriptions of these two groups under the Third Angel’s message of Revelation 14:9 – 12.

**To summarize for the reader:** - In the future, the people of the world are going to be faced with two opposite choices to make. If we want to be identified with the saints of God, we will have to choose to be obedient to **all** of God's Ten Commandments. In contrast, there will be human laws passed that will forbid people from obeying **all** of God's Ten Commandments, under the penalty of not being able to buy or sell. Any such obedience and submission to these human laws in defiance of obeying **all** of God's Ten Commandments, would be a fulfillment of this solemn prophetic warning message, and subject any disobedient person to drink of the unmingled wrath of God. It is really that simple.

The Apostle Peter has highlighted the two opposites that are the foundation of the Third Angel's message: - We can obey God, or we can obey men.

Acts 5:29: - "Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, **We ought to obey God rather than men.**"

 **God has set before humanity the options of life and death, blessing and cursing. He clearly wants us to choose Life!**

Deuteronomy 30:19: - "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, **that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life**, that both thou and thy seed **may live.**"



# **MAKE YOUR CHOICE: -**

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Our choice is black and white.

Turn from darkness to Light.

Let's not make it at all complicated.

For God is so clear,

We must have ears to hear,

Get the Bible, and be educated.

For Light is the Light,

And dark is the night.

God's logic is so very defining.

If in sin we would stay,

Our life turns to grey,

Then our minds need extensive refining.

When we turn from God's standard,  
And we use just a bandaid,  
To cover the sickness of sin.  
Then our mind becomes clouded,  
As if we're been shrouded,  
By darkness of doubt from within.

God tells us quite plainly,  
In our meditation daily,  
That opposites make clear what is sin.  
Through Jesus our Christ,  
Death turns into Life,  
And opposites becomes clear through Him.

But if you can't see the dark,  
It's quite evident and stark,  
That your spiritual eyesight is flawed,  
Because if you don't know what's Life,  
Then you're really in strife,  
You have misread and sin you have forged.

Good and evil are opposite,  
And you must get on top of it.  
If you would hope to find heaven forever,  
Because God's way is True,  
And His doctrine is too,  
Make finding definitions a daily endeavour.

For death is the opposite of life,  
And sin gets cut through with a knife,  
Through the Spirit we have access to knowledge.  
Dark turns into Light,  
A Light that's so bright,  
That forever we'll pay Jesus homage.

If you sit on the fence,  
You must make recompense,  
For the fog of indifference you lived in,  
Spiritual opposites are true,  
They're for me and for you,  
And **against** sin, that's where we can rest in.

And at last when sleep comes,  
And your living is done,  
Our God will take note of our case,  
Be judged by what's good,  
By His Law which we've stood,  
And at last see our Saviour's face.

AMEN.