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. . . Greetings once again to all the saints and our friends who are in tune with The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We are indeed grateful to God for the privilege to be back with you for another short visit in your home or automobile as you drive along the highway. We are also grateful to those who help to make this visit possible from time to time. Surely we should take advantage of the opportunities to do our best for the cause of God before the door is forever closed upon us.

For your consideration at this time, I have chosen a verse found in Joshua 24:15. Let me read a part of this verse to you. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

Now these words were spoken by Joshua when he had almost reached the end of a very profitable life of service and devotion to God and the Hebrew nation which lasted for 110 years. See Joshua 24:29.

Joshua recounted the experiences through which God had led them. This included the deliverance from the Egyptians, the passage through the Red Sea, the victory over their enemies in Jericho, and all of the other foes which dwelt in this land of promise which was given into their hands. Joshua also called their attention to the words of the Lord as recorded in Joshua 24:13.

"And I have given you a land for which ye did not labor, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them: of the vineyards and olive yards which ye planted not do ye eat."

Now this brought these people face to face with a decision which was required of them: "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." The wonderful privilege of choice was offered to them at this time.

We are often called upon to make certain choices in life beginning from early days of childhood all the way through our growing years into manhood and down into the golden years of old age.

Before we were able to choose for ourselves, others choose for us--the blue or pink baby clothes which our parents so fondly placed upon us as they watched our every smile or frown--the type of food was carefully selected which would furnish nourishment for those young, growing bodies, but after awhile the child is no longer satisfied to have others choose for him. He wants the toys of his own choosing. He picks out the colors which suit him best, and so before long, this child is offered the opportunity to "Choose ye this day" the type of friends with whom he shall associate, the places of amusement which he shall attend, the amount of education he wants, the companion which suits his fancy, the kind of work, if any, which he shall do, the type of house in which he shall live, and most important of all, the choice of whether or not he shall seek to serve God or turn away to follow the pleasures of this life, and finally, if he has not been very careful to provide for the arrangements to be made after his short life is over, his friends or relatives will select the shroud in which they desire to see the last glimpse of their loved one as he is laid to rest beneath the sod.

