

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

# Free to Choose

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

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Cm Cm Cm/Bb Ab Fm Fm7 Fm

1. Free to choose— Fa - ther God, we choose to live or  
2. Free to choose— Fa - ther God, we face You ev - 'ry

Cm Cm7 Bb Bb/Ab Fm6/Ab Eb/G Ab Eb/Bb

die, To feast our - selves on E - den's fruits Or  
day. You stand be - fore us, giv - ing life. We

Cm Fm11 Fm9 Bbsus Bb Ab Bb

feed our fool - ish pride. Cre - a - tor, You are  
trust or turn a - way. Your pres - ence or Your

Eb Eb/Bb Ab Bb Cm Cm7

all in all, A heav - en each can know. With -  
ab - sence, Lord, Re - ceive You or re - fuse— For -

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune and Ken Bible

FREE TO CHOOSE  
3.9.8.6.8.6.8.6.

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Ab      Fm<sup>6</sup>    B<sup>b</sup>    E<sup>b</sup>    B<sup>o7</sup>    Cm    Cm  
           A<sup>b</sup>    A<sup>b</sup>    G                                    A<sup>b</sup>      Fm<sup>7</sup>

out You is an aw - ful void Where on - ly death can  
 ev - er and com - plete - ly, God, You give us what we

E<sup>b</sup>      E<sup>b</sup>      2,4  
           G      A<sup>b</sup>      G<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub>    G<sup>7</sup><sub>5#</sub>    Cm

grow.      Cre - on - ly      death can      grow.  
 choose.      Your      give us      what we      choose.

TOPICS: Eternal Life; God's Presence; Invitation; Judgment Day

LEAD-IN: *This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life.*  
 (Deuteronomy 30:19, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## **The Power to Choose**

God is sovereign over all reality. All matter was created by Him and responds to His Word. He speaks, and all that is obeys. He says, “Let there be...”, and worlds spring into being.

But to us human beings, made in His image, He delegates the power to choose, within set boundaries. As Sovereign God, He gives us the privilege and responsibility of making decisions—real decisions, with real consequences.

Put yourself in our Heavenly Father’s position. As parents, we deeply desire a close, loving relationship with each of our children in all their individuality. But we cannot compel such a relationship, and we wouldn’t want to. We want our children to love and trust us freely, by their own choice. We want them to want to be with us. We do everything we can to nurture and encourage such a choice, but in the end we honor what the child chooses. It’s not the kind of decision we can ignore or override, no matter how much we want to.

Our Heavenly Father is the same. He does all He can to bring us to Himself. Even in our sinful weakness and blindness, He gives us the grace to choose Him. But He does not compel it, and in the end, He honors our choice. If we respond to His grace with even the feeblest desire to love and trust Him, He will move heaven and earth to lead us into full union with Himself.

But if we choose separation from Him, He will at last honor our decision, completely and eternally.

He is forever the only source of life, light, goodness, peace, and love. Imagine the results of final and complete separation from Him. Choose wisely!