

Malachi 3.¹³-4.³

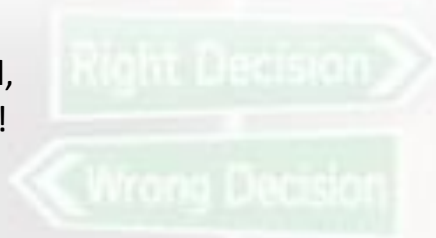
salvation!

Choose!

When you come to a fork in the road, you have to choose which way to go!

Choosing isn't always easy, is it?

What happens if you make the wrong choice and go the wrong way ...?

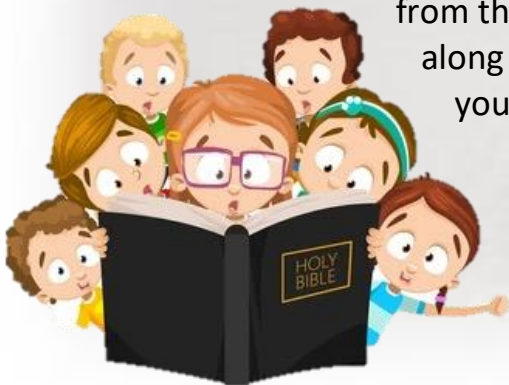


Having a map can be a big help!

And having someone else with you can also be a help in figuring out which the right path is to follow.

Having the Bible is like having a map.

And it's great when you can learn from the Bible along with all your friends!



Did you find the picture on every page of last week's worksheet?

Today's Bible passage

.. is all about choosing the right way to live your life.



Read

Malachi 3.13-16

¹³ "You have spoken arrogantly against me," says the Lord.

"Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?'

¹⁴ "You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the Lord Almighty?' ¹⁵ But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly evildoers prosper, and even when they put God to the test, they get away with it.'"

¹⁶ Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honoured His name.

God says there are two different types of people.

Can you spot the two types of people in the passage?

(v.16) Those who _____ the Lord and _____ His name

Those who have
___ **KEN**
__ **ROG** ___
AGA ___
the Lord
(vv.13-15)

For the Lord .. or against Him

Each of the boxes below tells you something about how a person relates to the Lord. Try putting each box into the correct bulletin board

ignore

trust

read the Bible

disobey

speak against

love

boast

honour His name

obey

complain



For the Lord

Against Him

Two bulletin boards made of bamboo poles and parchment paper. The left board is labeled "For the Lord" and the right board is labeled "Against Him". Each board has five empty rectangular boxes for sorting the words. The boards are decorated with palm trees and hibiscus flowers at the bottom.

It makes a difference!

Choosing to have Jesus as Lord of your life (rather than you being the one who's in charge) makes all the world of a difference: and it's important to be clear about that.

So have a look at the second half of the passage.

The Lord explains what a difference it makes when you choose to trust in Jesus and honour Him in everything.



Read

Malachi 3.¹⁶-4.³

¹⁷ “On the day when I act,” says the Lord Almighty, “they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ And you will again see the **distinction** between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

4 “Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be **stubble**, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the Lord Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them.² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with **healing** in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. ³ Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the Lord Almighty.

God says there will be a clear **distinction** between those who go their own way and those who live God's way.

Go your own way – you'll be

_ T U B _ _ _

Live your life God's way, with Jesus as Lord – you'll know

_ E A L _ _ _

It's a matter of
_ I F _ & _ _ A T _

.... I have set before you

Life 

and death, the
Blessing and
the *Curse*.

So choose

Life...



Deuteronomy 30:19

**“You will go out & frolic
like well-fed calves!”**

There’s a day coming when
God will make everything
right in the world again.

That’ll be a great day for all
His people – because they’ll
all be made perfect at last:
healthy and strong and
full of a lasting joy!

Get ready to “frolic like well-fed calves!”

It’ll be a day worth waiting for!

CHOOSE
life

A Prayer

Think about what you've been learning today.

Now try praying this prayer (or making up your own prayer!)



Lord Jesus, thank You for what You teach me in the Bible.

I'm glad that You came into this world to rescue us from the mess we've got ourselves into: it's exciting to know that there's a better world coming!

You've been teaching me today that we all have to choose whether we'll trust You or turn our backs on You. That's a big decision!

But it's an *easy* decision too!

I don't want to miss out on all the good things which You've promised to those who trust in You and are learning to follow You!

I want You to know – I'm Yours!

I'm sorry for all the ways in which I get things wrong and go my own way.

Thank You that You forgive me.
And thank You, too, for making me part of Your family and giving me such a great future!

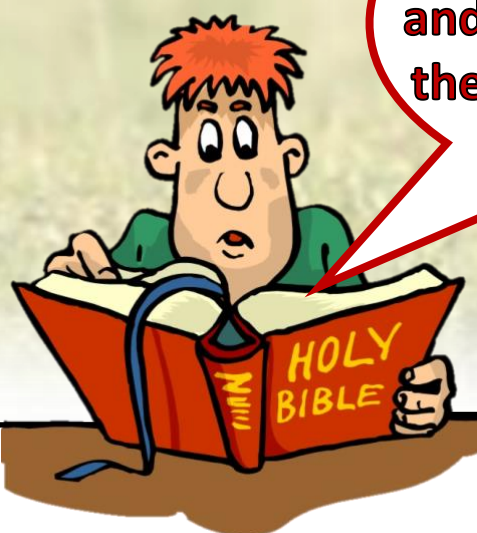


**Today's verse for you
to try and remember!**



**"I have set before you life
and death, the blessing and
the curse: so choose life .."**

Deuteronomy 30.19



A WORDSEARCH

Try this wordsearch which is taken from the book of Deuteronomy
(Remember Deuteronomy 30.19!)

Deuteronomy

T I L C U J P M I V A R Q K Z T X
K I B A K C C C I C T L M T Y A K
R D L H J L O S T U N E V G R Y N
Q B L Y G V L E A R S I N N F Q B
D P Z P E U Z K U X X I X I C C O
O C M N S G N I S S E L B L P C O
Y R A T W A N D E R I N G L F K K
Q N S C E M W Y K U O L I E W O F
T T R Y J L I O M W A R R T D R I
I L P J O M O S E S T O A E T X V
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Y P H S D R X W I L D E R N E S S
W R H H A K G S E V Y A P G C B F
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promise land

retelling

blessings

covenant

book five

wandering

Jordan

Israel

second law

Joshua

wilderness

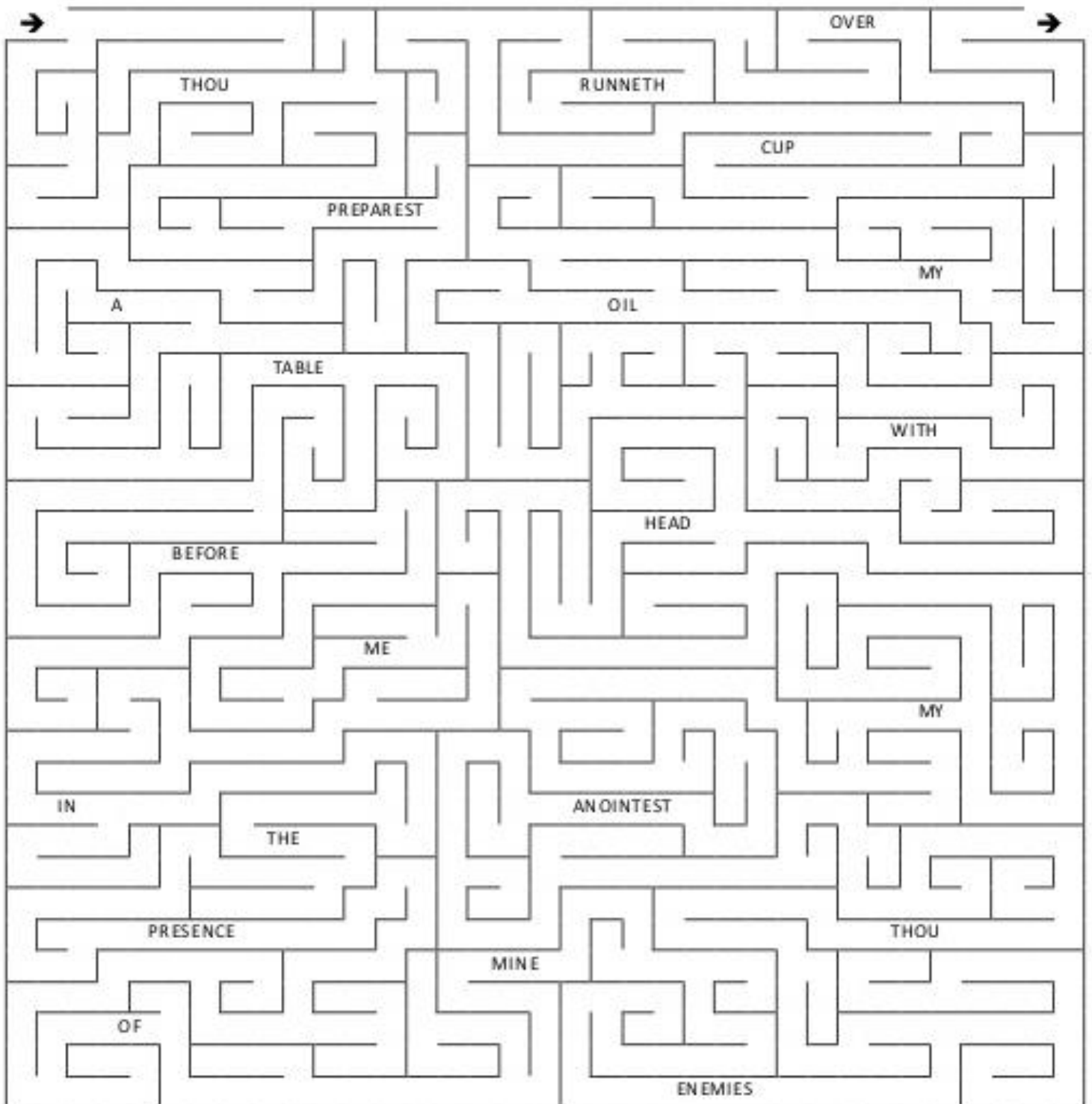
Moses

God is a MAZE ing!

God has good things in store for those who trust Him – as Psalm 23 makes clear!

PSALM 23: 5 (KJV)

“Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.”



DIRECTIONS: Follow the words of the Bible verse through the maze to the end.

For you to COLOUR IN

Here's a picture of Moses speaking to the people and telling them to choose life!



Deuteronomy 30.19

Colour in the picture and remember the verse!

*I have set before you
life and death, the
blessing and the curse.
So choose
Life..*

