

Choice Determines Reward

Proverbs 29:18. Proverbs is a book of wisdom. In order to have wisdom, you need to understand. In order to have understanding you need to have knowledge. They go one into the other. It's not enough to have just the knowledge. When the understanding is applied, it becomes wisdom. When we call the book of Proverbs wisdom, there needs to be some form of understanding already in your life. In your mind set you already need to have an understanding. One verse is like a thousand words.

v.18 Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law.

One speaks of having wisdom and the other just speaks of having knowledge. Revelation is when you have an understanding or prophetic vision or you have insight. Anytime there is understanding there is insight to something. There is insight to knowledge. You put the knowledge together with the situation you have understanding. Where there is no revelation, no insight, or no prophetic vision, or no understanding, the people cast off restraint. That means they have no discipline, they have no care if they are doing right or wrong, they have no conviction, or they do not change because there are no restraints. There is nothing to stop them from making the choice that they make because they have no insight as to what they are doing.

But happy is he who keeps the law. Now we are going to a written thing, a law. A law like the Ten Commandments was put forth so the people could see their iniquity. All they had to do was follow Ten Commandments, this is the law, don't break any of them. But, everybody kept breaking the first one: there shall be no other Gods before Me. But they didn't know that because they weren't looking through the spiritual eyes, they were looking through physical eyes and they were saying, "We're not breaking that law." But in actuality they were.

But happy is he who has the law in their hearts has knowledge and actually follows the knowledge they have. Even though they don't understand and have revelation at least they're following something and they're following a law based on God. So one is by understanding and one is by revelation. If there is revelation and you don't follow the law, then you have no restraint. You cast off restraints that mean you cast off cares and worries, you don't care. It doesn't matter what God thinks; you know what you want to do. This is the situation and this is the choice that I make. This is the way that I'm going and this is what I want to do. This is what God wants, but this is what I feel is good for me. We cast off restraints even if we have revelation, insight, and knowledge. We don't have any conviction. Even if we know the law we are still going to follow our own hearts.

This is what this is saying, I broke it down just like this. I sat there and started to talk to the Lord and the Lord said, "The choices we make rather by law or by revelation will determine the reward you receive in the end." So I asked the Lord for something that says that and He took me to **Ecclesiastes 9:1-8**. Solomon who was full of wisdom still was looking at the folly of life and was trying to figure out how can I still have a married life in the flesh and still keep the ways of God? How can I mix the two together? He was going mad in my opinion because he was not focused on the law, he was not focused on his revelation, he was focused on what he wanted to do, but he had understanding, he had knowledge and that's what was dividing him. It divided him but it didn't stop him because you knew what happened in the end. In the end he turned away from God. It didn't stop him he made a choice.

Ecclesiastes 9:1 For I considered all this in my heart, so that I could declare it all: that the righteous and the wise and their works are in the hand of God. ("The righteous and the wise and the works that come out of a righteous man and a wise man is in the hands of God. Rather conscious or unconscious their heart is convicting them, there is restraint and their doing what is good and what is right in the eyes of God. When you're righteous God is pleased because righteousness is by law. You got laws don't do this, do this, be like this, don't be like this. They were following the laws and they were doing good. Now the wise is by revelation. They were following the revelation and the understanding that they had for what God had said. Both of them come from God, are in the hand of God.") *People know neither love nor hatred by anything they see before them.* Those who are righteous and are wise will look at situations in front of them and will not judge it love or hate. They will look at it as a lesson to be learned. What is God saying? Not determining evil or good, but determining what God is showing me to become more righteous and more wise.

v.2 All things come alike to all: One event happens to the righteous and the wicked; To the good, the clean, and the unclean; To him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice. As is the good, so is the sinner; He who takes an oath as he who fears an oath.

Solomon is saying it didn't matter if you have revelation or wisdom or if you had the law or righteousness, or if you have nothing, or even if you cast off restraints. It didn't matter. Every situation in life will come no matter if you sinner or saint. Everyone will face situations alike. We will face death, we will face losing a loved one, whether saint or sinner you will lose somebody in your life. To death. Whether saint or sinner you will have money problems. Whether saint or sinner you will have family problems. It doesn't matter, saint or sinner everybody will face the same types of situations. It didn't matter, the same event is going to happen to everybody whether saved or unsaved, good or bad, clean or unclean, saint or sinner, those who take an oath to serve God and those who don't take an oath to serve God it doesn't matter. Everyone will face the same thing and have the same doubts and the same fears and the same troubles in life. That's what Solomon is saying and that is true.

v.3 This is an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing happens to all. One thing will happen to all no matter, saint or sinner. There is one thing for sure because somebody who is born into money won't really have money problems all their lives unless God takes everything away. Majority of the time those who are born into money will probably end up with money in the end because of what the parent had done. What he's saying, in spite of that, there's one thing that definitely happens to everyone, one thing happens to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead.

v.4 But for him who is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

In verse 3 they want to do what they want to do. We want to do what we want to do because we have a desire, we have a want, we have a need, we have an ideal, we have a direction, we have a plan, we have a goal, you name it. We always have something that we as human beings, natural human beings apart from God, we are always shooting for something. Even our walk with God we are shooting for something. We are shooting for a closer relationship, we're shooting for knowledge and wisdom, more understanding, we're always shooting for something whether saint or sinner. That in our hearts is selfishness and it's in our heart and that is considered an evil and in the end we all shall die. It doesn't matter; we all shall end up dead. They all go to the dead. The body shall definitely pass away. It is beyond the passing that we are concerned about, but definitely everyone will die. But yet the Lord says, some people will not even see death when He returns. Fortunate they are. They will go from mortal to immortal in a blink of an eye. I pray that we will be such. That we will not see death. That we will go from alive to alive. But the body dies and we all end up dead.

But for him who is joined to all the living there is hope, ... That is you and I. We are joined to those who live in Christ and walk the ways of the Lord. We are those who have a hope after the death. We have a hope and a future. The Lord says, "I have a hope and a future for you," in Jeremiah. So if you have joined to all the living, there is hope. There is hope for everyone. *For a living dog is better than a dead lion.* You see the difference in mightiness? You see the dog being loyal and humble? A true friend? It is better to be loyal, truthful, and a friend and be alive with those around you than to be a loud voicetrous roaring lion who stands in the forefront of everybody and yet you're as dead as a dog. You're just dead. Dead in Spirit, dead in mind, and dead in heart. It is better to be a living dog than a dead roaring lion.

v.5 For the living know that they will die;... We being in Christ know that we must die to self. Not only our bodies will die and pass away, but we have a hope and we're not afraid of death. But we will die not only physically, but spiritually also. *For the living know that they will die;...* We know we have to die and we welcome death in both manners. It is better to be absent in the flesh; to be present in the Lord. Would you rather be here listening to me or be sitting at the seat of Jesus listening to Him speak this? I rather be there than here, but I know I have to die. *But the dead know nothing.* They don't know and they fear death. They don't want death, they prolong their lives trying to extend it further and further yet they know not they will eventually die. They're afraid to face death. We're afraid to face death for some, even Christians. You're not afraid of death because you have Christ. What you are afraid of is the way you are going to die. You don't know if it's going to hurt or not. You don't know if you're going to suffocate or not. You don't know. That is your fear, how you're going to die, not when you die. Not dying itself. We're not afraid of dying, we bring it. But we are afraid, we don't know how. Does it matter? It doesn't matter how you die, you will die. We have to die. It doesn't matter how you get closer to God. The flesh has to die and that means you are going to have to go through stuff over and over again in order to get that

closeness with God. Too much Christians are afraid of trials. We are afraid to face the unknown. We don't know what's around the corner. Why? Around the corner Christ is there waiting for you. So we have no fear of the trials that about to come upon your life because we know it is for a good cause. It's for a greater call. That we know and that we understand. In that we know we will die and have no fear. Those who don't know God, they're afraid of a lot of things. They're afraid of the unknown hurt, the unknown suffering, the unknown pain. Afraid of the unknown fear. They're afraid before they even get there. Nothing has happened; just the thought of dying sends them into fear. And we do that but the dead know nothing.

And they have no more reward. For what they have upon the earth because of their fear of dying to self or dying period, having a fear, what they have right now upon the earth is your reward. But because of your fear, because you are afraid to die to self and surrender things up to God what you have right now is your reward and there's nothing else after this because you live in fear. You cannot walk with God and walk in a fear. You have the Almighty on your side. God Almighty Himself stands with you and around you pushing things forth and setting your path before you. What do you have to fear? You're afraid of the unknown. If you are afraid of the unknown then you're just like somebody who doesn't know God. But you have a hope. That's what keeps us going. We have a hope. We have a hope everyday when our eyes open in the morning. New hope, I have another day. I hope this day works out Lord the way you want it to because I'm just going to go through it. We wake up with a hope and we go to sleep with a belief because we came through the day. We trust in God in everything.

And they have no more reward, For the memory of them is forgotten. Not only in heaven, but on earth too. For when the dead or the selfish or those who don't know Christ dies physically, in time they're forgotten. Their name gets blotted out of the book of life. They're also forgotten by God. That's a sad testimony. The memory of them is forgotten.

v.6 Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; Nevermore will they have a share In anything done under the sun.

Everything that they think they have right now. All the love that they have, all the hatred, all the envy that they went through, all the works that they have done throughout their life, everything will be forgotten and everything done under the sun will be no more. They won't even do this anymore because they don't know that eventually they will die. They don't know nothing. They don't shoot for the hereafter; they shoot for the now because of the choices that they make. They shoot for the now and their reward is now. I want my reward now, I want my blessing now, I want my money now, I want my family now, I want my wife now, I want my husband now, I want my children now, I want my house now, I want my car now, I want my job now, I want my business now. Does any of this ring a bell? We want things now and these now things happen under the sun. You will not get it if you want it in your time and you want it now. Work hard, you'll get it, but it won't be by God's hand. Eventually when you die and I feel sorry for those who have shot for the now and before they got the glory, the reward that they were seeking, they die.

The story of a man who had too much hardness and refused to share. What he did he started to build. His storehouses were full and instead of sharing with the people, he decided to build business storehouses so he could store more stuff for himself here on earth. Guess what? That night he died. What happened to everything that he shot for? It's left to somebody else who can push it forth. Somebody else gets the work. Somebody else will benefit from your labor. But some did have a problem with that. They're going to receive everything and they did nothing, I did all the work. But those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last. We cannot hang on to the things we have right now because the things we have right now are so temporal. What you have today will not be what you have tomorrow. What you had last week is nothing compared to today. What you had last year, look how you have grown and how you have blossomed and how you have prospered, it's nothing. Some of us got poor, but I'm happier. Some of us have lost so much in a year, but we gain so much it's unmeasurable to the things that we can compare it upon the earth.

We make choices throughout our life as we walked this past year. I'm just going to take a year's span; I'm not going to go back to your whole life. I can go back to my whole life and see a greater today than ten years ago. I have so much less according to the eyes of the world, but I have so much more in my heart that I've never had before. What was not there is there now and what was there is no more. Why? Because I knew I would have to die. I knew I would have to choose. I knew I would have to give something up to gain something. I knew this and I was willing.

v.6 repeat: Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; Nevermore will they have a share In anything done under the sun.

v.7 Go, eat your bread with joy, And drink your wine with a merry heart; For God has already accepted your works.

v.8 Let your garments always be white, And let your head lack no oil.

Now he goes and says but God knows what you've been doing. He knows your work and He knows the mindset of your heart. He knows everything you have to face and all the choices you have to make. He knows how hard you work then eat your food with joy because there's something more already. Just be in the joy of the Lord today. And drink your wine with a merry heart not with heart of woe and concern that you're losing something, that you're separating something and getting all drunk because you feel your life is pathetic, you don't have what you're supposed to have. Your ideals have not been met. So we drink to drown out sorrow and fear. The Lord says if you're going to drink, be merry knowing you have done right in My eyes. Be happy! Don't drink to drown. Drink to celebrate, but don't drink to glutton, be wise.

For God has already accepted your works. He knows exactly what you have done from the moment you have walked into the gates of heaven and accepted Him as your Lord and Savior. When you received Him and made a choice, a conscious aware choice, to say, "You are my God," from that moment He's been watching you. And from that moment He has watched you work, He has watched your walk, He has watched you been divided and put together. He watched you fall and then get up. He saw all these things happen but you're not condemned. He remembers your works. He knows what you have done and He has accepted everything because He knows you. He knows how you struggle, He knows how you are divided, He knows that you're making choices, He knows that you're trying to push forth. God knows these things, why don't you? If He can accept you for who you are, why can't you accept you for who you are in Christ? We find it difficult to accept our image of Christ and the way we walk. We find it difficult to believe that we can be really good Christians for God and actually profess the gospel. We believe that we are not good enough but God knows you are because He's accepted your works. You're still here aren't you? You're still walking in Christ aren't you? You're still believing in eternal life, right? You're still hoping for a future. You still want to serve Him, right? You're not divided and thinking about walking away from Him, are you? Well, that says something about you. That says something about your perseverance. That says something about you being determined to walk with the Lord.

So because of that

v.8 Let your garments always be white, And let your head lack no oil.

Walk in the reflection of who Christ is in your heart. And walk as if you are chosen and anointed by Him. You are a chosen generation to push forth the gospel and do what God has asked you. You're going to have to make a choice to do that. Your reward is in the hereafter; it is not in the current. What happens in the current is because of His grace. He gives you whatever He wants to give you because of your surrender and because of what you go through and how you become divided and how you fall and how you get up. All these things He rewards you in this day. But the reward, what you have today, is not your reward. It is the benefits of grace that you walk in today. The money in your pocket, the children, the family, the house, the car, these are the benefits of grace as long as you continue to walk with God. The true reward is after death.

So continue to keep your clothes white. It's not hard. Continue to walk knowing in your heart, mind, heart, and spirit that God has chosen you for a greater call. We are going to be divided by choices. Satan is watching. He is watching you.

I'm going to be using two areas **Mark 14:27-31** and **Luke 22:31-34** because they go together. Christ just introduced the Lord's supper and Jesus is predicting Peter's denial.

Mark 14:27 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered.'

v.28 But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

v.29 Peter said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be."

v.30 Jesus said to Him, "Assuredly, I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, (This one says two. Luke is going to say once.) you will deny Me three times."

v.31 But he spoke more vehemently, "If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!"

And they all said likewise.

At that moment they made a choice. "Even if we have to die with you I'm not going to deny you." Even then He says, "No I tell you now when they strike Me and come after Me, you are all going to run.

Right now in your mind because of what you know and because of what you see, here present right now, it's easy to say this. But take Me out of the way, how can you choose? What will you choose?" "Oh we will stand beside You and not be scattered. We shall go with You to death." When push came to shove and Christ was taken, they ran away. They all scattered.

Luke 22:31-34. I like this one in Luke more than all the rest because He is a little bit more specific about what He says to Peter.

v.31 *And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. ("Satan has asked for you because he knows you're going to have to make a choice. He knows that's something's coming up. He has asked that he divide you when that choice comes. We are all faced with situations and every situation you face; Satan is getting ready to sift you when you need to make a choice. When you make that choice, some of us get divided. Some of us will scatter and run when faced with the choice. Though we stand here and say, 'Till the very end we will stand here and die with you and we will not leave your side.' That's the choice we make right now based on what we know. But when Christ was taken, they ran. Though Peter being divided at that time, he still followed from a distance.")*

Christ was true when he said,

v.32 *But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."*

v.33 *But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death."*

v.34 *Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."*

Christ knows the choice that you're going to make. He knew the choice that Peter was going to make. He knew exactly what Peter was going to do. He also knew, Peter, there is going to be restoration because He tells Peter, "When you return to me, restore your brethren." So there was restoration coming up for Peter. He puts that forth before He told Peter how he was going to deny Him. Peter made a choice with Christ face to face. "I will not leave your side. Even on till death I will follow you." They all said the same thing, you heard it in Mark. When they took Him, everybody ran away. It was Peter who followed at a distance but he would not admit that he knew Him. He made a conscience choice not to admit that he knew Him because in the choice that means he might die. See the connection?

In the choices that you make, you may die to self. You don't want to make a lot of these choices because you're not ready to give things up. You're not ready to die to self. You're not ready, but God knows that. He knows you're not ready so He says, "I know you're going to deny Me. You're going to deny Me three times before the rooster crows. I know you are going to choose and run too. I know this Peter." I tell you the same thing he tells you. I know you're going to choose and you're going to run sometimes, but when you return to Me, when you have come back, when you have come to your conscience senses, when you realize what's going on and you come back to Me, I will restore you when you go strengthen your brethren. Then you work. Don't beat yourselves up by the choices you have made. The choices you make determine your reward, the everafter reward. You have choices to make today, tomorrow, and beyond this day. You have to determine where you're going. You have to understand what you're shooting for. If you don't think you would fall, if you don't think you're going to make wrong choices, if you don't think that you're selfish and you think of yourself, look at what He says to Peter.

How many people have told me since this ministry started I would never go anywhere else once I've heard the truth. Look around, where are they now? When push comes to shove, they will deny you. That's the choice that people make and they make it based on their own knowledge and understanding and what's going on inside of them. It gets hard to die to self. It gets hard to surrender sometimes. It just gets hard but it doesn't mean that it's impossible and it doesn't mean because you make wrong choices that there is no restoration. That it's sealed and written in stone and it can never change. Of course it can. He told Peter, "When you have returned to Me." I know you're going to make wrong choices and I know you're going to make choices and it's going to look like you're not with Me and that you don't love Me. It's going to look like a heathen and you are a sinner. It looks like you are on the path to death, but when you return to Me, I will restore you. I will put you back up and then you can go and strengthen your brethren.

The living have a hope just like Solomon said. You see why where there is no revelation, or understanding, or insight, the people cast off restraints, they just don't care. *But happy is he who keeps the law.* Those who understand that these things will happen sometimes, bring yourself back into the presence of the Lord. Repent and push forward. Don't repent and wallow. We wallow in our sorrows. We wallow in self-pity. We get lost in all these things and we can't move forward. It is not God who has put you

there. You have chosen to be there. You have chosen to be where you chose to be. God didn't put you there, but Satan knows there are choices that you have to make. You make the choice. That will determine where you go and the path you walk. The reward is the everafter. When the everafter happens. The day that your eyes close for good upon this earth and your spiritual eyes open up, I pray that you folks hear singing, you see angels, and you're walking through pearly gates. If you start to open your eyes and you feel the heat turned up, you have a problem. Don't close your eyes, it's not going to help. Make your choice now and it's ok. Stop beating yourself up.

Let's close this up in *Colossians 1:19-23*.

v.19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,
v.20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. ("It doesn't matter if you're looking at things through a physical means by the knowledge or the law that Proverbs talks about or looking through spiritual eyes of revelation. Christ made a bridge. He reconciled the two. Having made peace between the two. Between the physical realm and the spiritual realm He has made peace through the blood of His cross. Proverbs has said the same thing. *Where there is no revelation people cast off restraints*, but if there is revelation, that means they are aware and they walk righteous. *But happy is he who keeps the law*. That's the physical. Those who walk in the ways and manners knowing that God has written this and having the knowledge also keeps you righteous with God on earth. You see both sides. But when Christ died, He bridged both of them. What you do in your life here now and what you do in your spiritual walk with God also, God has reconciled them and brought peace between both of them. So when you listen to the revelations of God and you get understanding and insight to the scriptures that God gives to you when He pours out while you read or through someone else, it brings you to a closer understanding of God in the spiritual realm. When that happens, it changes you on the inside so your physical walk starts to change too. When your physical walk starts to change it kind of matches what you do in the spirit and you become one; you have the reconciliation. Where in the Old Testament, the Israelites only follow a law and their hearts never change. With Christ dying it changes the heart and you automatically change in the physical: your behavior to one another, the way that you think, how you handle situations. It's based on your spiritual. So the physical accepts that and then there's peace. You cannot say you know Christ in the spiritual by praying and you act like a heathen in real life. Or you act like you're glorious in God on earth and then in your spiritual you have no prayer life, you really don't have any relationship with God. There's no peace. When you have both of them going on rather this one or this one, God through the blood of Christ, the understanding of what He has done in the heart of the Spirit of a man who understands what He has done, there is peace. They blend together and they bring everything together as one.

v.21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind... ("That's what separated you from God. Your own thoughts separated you from God.") *by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled.* Once your works was wicked because it was all about yourself and what you wanted, where you wanted to go, your ideals, what you have, your plan ahead of you. It was all about you, your vain and selfish thoughts of your future and your hope here upon the earth. What was wicked has now changed because it's not so much about you, it's about what you do for other people. You can still shoot for the gold and you can still shoot for the great things upon this earth, but your thought pattern and your heart is after the will of God to help your brethren, to help the gospel, to help. So it's changed and in that there's reconciliation. There is peace. What used to be in the mind by wicked works was all about you, He has now reconciled and brought peace to it. He has brought peace to your works because now you are looking at the future and the hope of the glory of God for His gospel to go forth. It's not about you anymore. It's about working hard upon the earth for the glory of God in the future of His gospel.

v.22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight. That when that happens He can present you to the Father and you will be holy, blameless, and above reproach in His sight. He's watching everything that you do. He knows your works, He knows your struggles, He knows you're going to have to choose, and He knows you're going to have to decide. But the choice you make determines the reward in the end. This way gives you no condemnation. Blameless, holy, and above reproach before God because revelation, understanding, insight have matched up with the knowledge and the cares of your heart and Christ has put it together. Now you're becoming whole and reconciled not only to Him, but you become whole and reconciled to God by yourself in your own Spirit of who He is with you.

v.23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, you are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul,

became a minister. If you continue you cannot only have the knowledge and you cannot only have the insight because of what Christ has done. Maybe in the Old Testament, they only had the law. In the New Testament, Christ came. This is us. So the law doesn't apply anymore, but the change in the heart and the reconciliation, you change in your flesh. You make choices that will determine where you are going. Remember, nobody is perfect. We are shooting for righteousness daily. Daily we are fighting for our hope and our future. Daily we're going to have to make choices. Daily we are going to fall short. Daily we are not going to please our brother or our sister. Daily we are not going to be what the world wants us to be. But as long as we know in our hearts it's not about what they think of us, it's about what He thinks of us, then you are reconciled to Christ. There is a future and a hope and a reward waiting for you.

Whatever choice you make, stop beating yourself up. Remember, Satan is watching looking for an opening and a way. You're faced with a situation, you know who God is, you know what you want. You say you follow God, but you know what you want. You become divided because you're divided between what God wants and what you want. If you know what God wants, no matter what situation comes, it will be based on the goodness of God's heart inside of you. It will always be based on that then your choice will always be God. The moment that you choose your own will, the moment that you choose your own desires, Satan can come in because that's not God's will, it's your own. When that starts to happen, don't be so condemning upon yourself. We have our reasons. We can justify every choice that we make in our life.

Reflect back just a year. Every choice that you made when you walked this year with the Lord, not all of them was perfect. Not all of them lead you to the throne of God; not all of them made you look holier than thou. But you're sitting here today and you're still in the Lord, and you're still reading, and you're still praying. You still have faith and you still have hope. Apparently you made it right with God. I think if you did something that was so horrible that God couldn't accept that you thought you wouldn't be here. You'd be too shame to walk in the door because you know God is going to see and God's going to make me say it. We'd be too scared, we'd be too afraid of what God may say because we know what we did the other night. Reflect back even months ago when you did something that was unGodly, I bet you stayed away from church. Afraid to be seen, afraid to be exposed. Your own consciousness exposes you. I don't have to see a thing, I don't want to see a thing, but if God wants me to, I will see. Your own consciousness by not coming in and not repenting and changing shows in the choice that you made. Shows the mindset, shows where you're going, how strong you are. Your wicked works are rising up. Reconcile yourself to Christ again and know when you have come back to Me, like He tells Peter, then strengthen your brother. It's ok. Your choices will determine your reward, but as long as you're alive you have a chance.