



Signs of the Times **Presented by Elder J. David Hatchell**

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Sermon Notes

It was the best of times, It was the worst of times.

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times; it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness; it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity; it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness; it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair; we had everything before us, we had nothing before us; we were all going directly to Heaven, we were all going the other way."

- A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens (1859)

- **Choose a side**
- **Conduct a CBA**
- **Connect to activate**
- **Confess it's a new season**
- **Capture next level living**

Choose a side

- **Life or Death**

Deuteronomy 30:19 (NIV)

19 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, so that you and your children may live
20 and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him.

Revelation 3:15-17 (NKJ)

15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, [a] I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

Cost Benefit Analysis

Believers

- **Blessings**
 - Deuteronomy 28:1-14
- **Jesus came to give abundant life**
 - John 10:10b
- **Sell out to God and love others**
 - Mark 12:30-31

Non-Believers

- **Cursing**
 - Deuteronomy 28:15-19
- **Thief comes to steal, kill & destroy**
 - John 10:10a
- **Pleasures of sin**
 - Hebrews 11:24-26

Connect to Activate

- **The promises of God are received through faith**

Romans 4:17-20

17 (as it is written, *“I have made you a father of many nations”*) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; 18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, *“So shall your descendants be.”* 19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

Confess it’s a New Season (for me)!

Hebrews 10:22-23 (NIV)

22let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

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