

HOW DOES GOD MAKE HIS DECISIONS?

(Genesis 19:1-16)

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God does **NOT** make emotional decisions. He makes decisions on **PRINCIPLE**. Making emotional decisions will prevent you from being fair. God is a righteous judge.

He must do what is right by people in-spite of how He feels about them. Making decisions on principle empowers God to do this. Please remember that God loves you. However, He is **NOT** foolish for you.

God is not persuaded by tears, pain or need. He is pleased by faith. There is nothing wrong with being emotional. However, your emotional pleas will **NOT** influence God to make favorable decisions for you.

Doing what is **RIGHT** will influence God's decision. Doing what is **HOLY** will influence God's decision. Doing what is **WISE** will influence God's decision. Exhibiting these attributes will persuade the Lord to make beneficial decisions in your favor.

HOW DO YOU MAKE THE MAJORITY OF YOUR DECISIONS?

- Do you make decisions based on how you **FEEL**?
Sometimes your feelings can cause you to believe something that does not exist.
- Do you make decisions based on what you **SEE** ?
Sometimes what you see may deceive you.
- Do you make decisions based on what you **KNOW** ?
Things change daily. Oftentimes what you knew in the past is irrelevant to the future.

These are the most common ways people make decisions. However, when making decisions your foundation should be rooted on **RIGHTEOUSNESS**. Righteousness is not a feeling, emotion or attitude. It is a **PRINCIPLE**.

GOD IS NOT A MAN!

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1st John 4:8 says, "**GOD IS LOVE.**" If you have read the story of Sodom and Gomorrah you will notice that God's decision to destroy these cities was not decided with emotion. It was based on **PRINCIPLE**. God loved the people in Sodom and Gomorrah.

However, His love did not change His decision to destroy them. Leviticus 20:13 says, "*homosexuality is an abomination before the Lord.*" God destroyed these cities because they became an abomination. God **DID NOT** allow His emotion to influence His judgment.

Unfortunately, many people allow their emotions to prevent them from making wise decisions. When you make emotional decisions you engage in sin, disobey God, hinder your future and stifle your growth.

When you make decisions on principle and **NOT** emotion you will save yourself from experiencing grief, hardship, confusion and trouble. It will be easy to embrace the mind of God if you can separate yourself from making emotional decisions.

God is **NOT** a man! People will allow their emotions to govern their mind. However, God allows His mind to govern His emotions.

Here are five signs that will reveal itself when people make emotional decisions.

- When people make emotional decisions they will **NOT** be fair.

- When people make emotional decisions they will **NOT** look at the big picture.
- When people make emotional decisions they will **NOT** adhere to the standard of righteousness.
- When people make emotional decisions they will **NOT** examine the facts.
- When people make emotional decisions they will be lead by their heart. **NOT** their mind.

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