



ALL
RISE

Each **CHOICE** brings with it
a **CONSEQUENCE**





CONSEQUENCE < CHOICE < ignorant
or evil

CONSEQUENCES affect PEOPLE
... even people in other places or
generations

“... but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you (plural) will surely die.” (*Genesis 2:15*)

***magnitude** of the consequence
[severity, totality]

“ ... for I am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments” (*Exodus 20:5*)

***longevity** of the consequences
[propensity, proclivity]

Our fathers sinned and are no more,
and we bear their punishment.

(Lamentations 5:7)

What do the people mean by quoting this proverb ... “The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel ... The soul who sins is the one who will die. (*Ezekiel 18:2-3*)

The son will not share the guilt of the father nor will the father share the guilt of the son ... therefore I will judge you, [but] each one according to his [own] ways. (*Ezekiel 18:20,30*)

Fathers shall not be put to death for their children nor children put to death for their fathers. Each is to die [if it is a death penalty case] for their own sins. (*Deuteronomy 24:16*)

This principle of **personal accountability** is expected to be a pillar of human **justice** and **law**.

The good and evil of other people (past and present) **affects** our life but does not **determine** our destiny!

For none of us lives to himself
alone ... (*Romans 14:7*)

*genetics/crime/abuse/accidents/
education, economy, etc.

So then, each of us will give an
account of himself to God
(*Romans 14:12*)

*attitude/motives/beliefs/faith







- a) Everything from history stands **exposed** and **helpless** before the Judge.
- b) The justice and grace of God has its **final word**.

- Nothing is arbitrary.
- God gives each individual the **incredible privilege** of deciding their destiny.
- We have that privilege. NOW.



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