

# Our Wise God

## Is There a Consequence to My Choice?

### Life's Living Option (William Jones)

Every person has a choice to make.

Every person has the ability to make that choice.

There is a CONSEQUENCE to that choice.

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### Theme:

God creates us in His image and wants the best for us.

However, He will not violate His righteousness by blessing us if we willfully, continually make wrong choices.

### Two Mega Themes of Nahum

1. God judges.
2. God rules.

### As Judge, God is ...

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| 1. Jealous (v. 2)  | 5. Punishing (the guilty) (v. 3) |
| 2. Avenging (v. 2) | 6. Indignant (v. 6)              |
| 3. Wrathful (v. 2) | 7. Angry (Righteously) (v. 6)    |
| 4. Powerful (v. 3) | 8. Completing judgment (v. 8)    |

### As Father, God is ...

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| 1. Slow to anger (v. 3) | 3. Stronghold (v. 7)               |
| 2. Good (v. 7)          | 4. Recognizing the trusting (v. 7) |

## Lessons Learned

1. God's blessings today don't guarantee blessings tomorrow.

### From Spiritual Blessings to Bankruptcy

Hunger for God	= Realize my need of God's blessings.
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Help from Others	= Rely on others.
Hunger for "Other Things"	= Run from God.

2. Reliance on God guarantees God's protection. (v. 7)

- See Proverbs 3:5,6 concerning trust:
  - Trust begins with commitment. (*...with all your heart*)
  - Trust builds upon relationships. (*...in all your ways*)

3. God's power brings judgment on any situation. (v. 3-5)

4. God's patience gives us lots of time to find Him. (v. 3)

#### Comforting Thoughts:

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