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Jos.24, 22: *“Then Joshua said to the people, ‘You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD.’”*

Col.2,18: *“Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you.”*

Serving the LORD, that is, faith, is not something that comes about by our choice; it is not a matter or a question first of all merely of choosing to do so. But because this a truth habitually dismissed in the heart, Joshua prepares the people for recognising it when it manifests itself by seeking to make sure that failure to serve the LORD will testify to the inadequacy of what they now rely on – their choice.

If my choosing to believe is not the basis on which faith must necessarily flourish, what is it? It is the consequence of God’s gracious (and free!) choosing and calling, it is my response to that. This being so, I must be ever mindful of my need for God’s grace for making right, faithful and truly free choices.