"The Rule Of Our Rather"

INTRODUCTION: *"rather"* – *'more readily, preferably'* … Greek = *"mallon"* = *'very, very much'*.

- There's some things we'd "rather" do, than other things.

- It's not always best to do or have what we'd "rather" do or have.

1 Hebrews 11:24-25 – Moses had a choice of his "rather".

- Sometimes, following God is <u>HARD</u> ... a tough choice.

- <u>11:25</u> If there was no *"pleasure"* in sin, we wouldn't be tempted.
- "passing" ... "for a season" The "pleasure of sin" doesn't last.
- The "pleasure of sin" is expensive ... Is it worth it?

- <u>11:26</u> - "greater riches" – Is it a good investment?

- We will be judged as to who we let "Rule Our Rather".
- God's desire is always better than our desire Luke 22:42

Psalm 84:10 – This has to do with <u>CONTENTMENT</u>.
 We have to decide every day, what we'd *"rather"* have.

- Would you "Rather Have Jesus"?

- <u>Matthew 10:28</u> All sin, is a sin against Almighty God!
 We need to *"fear"* God, because He's the One who will <u>JUDGE</u> us, not Satan.
 We have to answer to God, not Satan Acts 5:29
- John 3:19 The lost would "rather" live in darkness 3:20
 Where do we find the "light"? John 8:12, John 12:46, Acts 26:18

- The lost love "darkness" - John 3:19, Ephesians 5:11

- We find the *"light"* in God's Word – <u>Ephesians 5:8</u> ... in God's house – <u>1 Peter 2:9</u> ... in Christ – <u>Colossians 1:13</u>

CONCLUSION:

- We need to want to do what Jesus wants us to do, "*rather than*" anything else in this world.
- "I'd Rather Have Jesus"!

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