

LONG LIFE

God has promised everyone of His children LONG LIFE.

Turn with me to;

Ps 91:16

16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

(KJV)

This passage of scripture is referring to two things

1) LENGTH OF DAYS

2) QUALITY OF LIFE

Jesus said over in

John 10:10

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

(KJV)

Jesus here expounds on the fact that when he refers to the life He gives to us as his children, it is talking about quality of life as well as length of days.

Many times we here people talk about someone's death by saying, "The Lord took them." These semantics are wrong. If we look at scripture we can see clearly that God took Enoch and God took Elijah.

Gen 5:23-24

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

(KJV)

II Ki 2:11

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

(KJV)

These men didn't die. When the bible uses the phrase, "God took them" we can only assume it means whoever He took were still alive.

What we should say is, "They went home to be with the Lord."
This would be scriptural terminology especially when we are talking about a person who has died young. Otherwise we partner with a non-truth by saying "God took them." Many people blame God for death. GOD NEVER WAS, IS OR EVER WILL BE THE AUTHOR OF DEATH.

It was through SIN that death and sickness entered the world. (Gen 3:16-19)

Rom 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(KJV)

We also already looked at the verse in John 10:10 that tells us who is the author of death.

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If God was the author and cause of death why then do the scriptures tell us this...??????

Matt 10:7-8

7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.
(KJV)

Luke 4:18-20

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.
20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.
(KJV)

Does that sound like a God who causes death? NO!

Another erroneous comment made innocently is "it must of been his time to go."
This is an untrue statement. Often we make this statement to help us as

confused Christians understand why someone dies young or is cut off in their prime. I think we get this idea from a scripture that is miss quoted or misunderstood.

Heb 9:27-28

27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:
28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.
(KJV)

This scripture does not say that everyone has an appointed time to die. And it definitely does not say that some are appointed to die young or early. This verse does say that Christian only die once so that we understand that we won't die the second death.

There is not a specific set date and time for each of us to die. (Tues. 3 PM)
The bible has a lot to say about how and when we die.

Phil 1:20

20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.
(KJV)

Paul tells us that Christ is to be magnified in our death, as well as in our life. Obviously there are some who do not magnify God in their death. Not all death does glorify God.

There is a right way to die and a wrong way to die.

Num 23:10

10 Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!
(KJV)

Phil 1:21-25

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.
23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:
24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.
25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;
(KJV)

Paul is speaking by the Holy Spirit to show us that we do have some choice concerning whether we live or die.

Let's look at some more scriptures:

Job 5:25-27

25 Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great, and thine offspring as the grass of the earth.

26 Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season.

27 Lo this, we have searched it, so it is; hear it, and know thou it for thy good. (KJV)

Eccl 3:1-2

1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; (KJV)

Eccl 7:17

17 Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time? (KJV)

Ps 55:23

23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee. (KJV)

A good example of this would be Judas Iscariot. He was bloody, deceitful, and died young.

Prov 3:2

2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. (KJV)

Prov 4:10-11

10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths. (KJV)

Prov 9:10-11

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

(KJV)

Prov 10:27

27 The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

(KJV)

Our death could not have a specific set date and time or else how could this date be altered?

The way we live, think, and operate will lengthen or shorten our years.

Most Christians want a no responsibility gospel.

Ephesians says that we are to understand what the will of the Lord is.

HIS WILL IS FOR US TO LIVE LONG, FULL, SATISFYING LIVES.

Death is our enemy.

1 Cor 15:26

26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

(KJV)

Rev. tells us that when the new heaven and the new earth come there will be no more dying.

Some say, "They were healed through death."

No, death is our enemy and is the final manifestation of sickness.

There is no healing in death. If you want to embrace healing, it must be done while you are alive because you won't have a mortal body that needs to be healed after you die. You will put on incorruption.

2 Cor 4:14-16

14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

(KJV)

It is unscriptural for us to try to believe and confess our way to youth.

If you have had a loved one die prematurely, or someone you love is miserable they might not want the promise of “length of days”.

Also, it seems that just when some hit their spiritual prime, the devil sets a trap for them.

It happens to some, but if you know what you are promised you can walk in the will of God.

Ps 71:9-19

9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

10 For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together,

11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for there is none to deliver him.

12 O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

13 Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered with reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof.

16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!

(KJV)

The older generation has a responsibility to teach the younger generation about God.

God has things for the older members of the body to do.

Ps 92:13-15

13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

15 To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

(KJV)

Some might die prematurely because they are not occupied with God's will.

I'll be honest. If we are going to fulfill our days, we are going to have to be fighters. We've stood believing for friends and church members to live when they were sick and they died. You can't get mad at God. It is not God's will for them to die young. It's not God's will for people to die sick either.

Have you ever noticed the bible doesn't talk like we do and say, "Moses died of Cancer and Abraham had a heart attack." No, it's our generations that think wrongly that you have to be sick to die.

Be comforted that if people go to be with the Lord early, they're in a far better place. You have not lost them. You will see them again.

When you are very sick, you get tired of fighting. It's easier to go than to fight and live. We can not condemn someone who chooses to go home early.

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Deut 30:19-20

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

He gives us a hint here - CHOOSE LIFE

If you are sick I want to tell you to FIGHT! You have a right to live a long, full, satisfying and prosperous life.

Ps 90:10

10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

(KJV)

I used to teach, even recently that God gives us 70 or 80 years because of this scripture. It isn't God's promise for maximum number of years though. Read the whole Psalm with me to understand context.

Ps 90:1-17

1 LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
3 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.
4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.
5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.
6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
7 For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.
8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.
10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.
12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
13 Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
15 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.
16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.
17 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.
(KJV)

This is the prayer of Moses for a group of people who are not enjoying life. The passage that fits in context is Numbers 14 where there are a group of people sentenced to wandering.

Num 14:22-36

22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;
23 Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:

24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

25 (Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley.) To morrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea.

26 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

27 How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me.

28 Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:

29 Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,

30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I swear to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

31 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised.

32 But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness.

33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.

34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

35 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

36 And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land,
(KJV)

All those 20 yrs and older who wandered the wilderness dies at 70 or 80 years of age. This is what Moses wrote about in Ps 90:10.

SO, WHAT ARE WE PROMISED IF NOT 70 YEARS?

Gen 6:3

3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.
(KJV)

THIS IS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF YEARS WE CAN AND SHOULD BELIEVE FOR.

At the time this was spoken, men were living to be almost 1000 years old. Adam - 930 Seth - 912 Enoch - 365 Jered - 962 Methuselah - 969 Noah - 950

This was spoken before the flood. It was not good news for these people. It would be like God telling us at 100 years of age that future generations would have to die at age 10.

Gen 11 - Shim - 600 - next gen - 468 - next 433 - 239 - 230-148 - Abraham - 175

After the flood until today men have been dying at 120

Exodus 6 (500 yrs later) Levi - 137 Arron - 123 Moses -who God gave the 120 scripture to died at age 120. Joshua - 110

New Test -

Luke 2:36-37

36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. (KJV)

Married as a virgin - we'll guess at 13 yrs, Married 7 yrs, Widowed 84 yrs. The bible calls her old at 104 and still kicking.

There are today over 100,000. Americans alive over 100 years old. If God only promised us 70 years, how can so many exceed His promise?

The U.S. Census Bureau says by the year 2040 there will be 1.3 million Americans 100 years old or older alive .

If you die prematurely, someone who is alive will have to finish your work and finish your course. Thats probably why there is so much pressure on many of us now. There will be plenty of time to enjoy heaven, let's choose life and hold out for the rapture.