



Texts: John 10:10, John 8:51, John 11:21-26, Proverbs 10:2, Proverbs 11:4, Proverbs 12:28, II Timothy 1:9-10, Job 33:18, 22-30, Psalm 49:15, Psalm 56:13, Psalm 116:8, Psalm 118:17-18, and Hosea 13:14.

With all the disaster, violence, sickness, poverty, wars, famines, and extreme difficulties that exist in the world today, it’s easy to understand why it’s so difficult for people to believe in *Life* and continue to hope for it. Add to that difficulty, the wide spread presence of sin, which Romans 6:23 says pays off in death, and *Life* seems even more difficult to believe in and expect to maintain. As a result, many people including those saved are developing a vocabulary that gives power to and promotes death. They fail to realize how much their tongue, words, and vocabulary contributes to death conquering their life. Notice how clear this next verse is.

Proverbs 18:20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his

mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Even as we study God’s whole purpose in sending Jesus to die for us we can see that along with saving us from our sins He also sent Him to give us abundant and supernatural life, and to destroy and abolish death.

John 10:10 (Amplified Version) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).

It’s worth noting that in the King James Version of this verse the term more abundantly is used. The original Greek word for this term is *perrisos* meaning; *exceedingly above the greatest abundance, super abundantly, over and above, extraordinary.*

Through this definition we can conclude that God sent His son Jesus to save us

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and give us supernatural, abundant, unlimited life that gives us power over all the threats against life. He sent Jesus to give us the power to **Choose Life and Live** no matter what conditions and threats are present. In fact, we need to take a radical position and verbalize and vocalize our **Belief in Life** like David did and declare it.

Psalms 118:17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

We must realize that **Choosing Life and Living** requires holding fast to a constant confession of life. *Believing* and speaking determines our having and being according to II Corinthians 4:13. See also Hebrews 10:23, Proverbs 12:14, Proverbs 13:2-3, Proverbs 21:23, and Mark 11:22-24.

2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

This next verse shows very clearly that Jesus' coming and dying for us also got rid of death's power over us that came only because of Adam's sin according to Romans 5:12-17. In fact, God's original design and creation of mankind did not include death at all. It only came into being because Adam disobeyed and sinned against God. That's why Jesus had to come and abolish it with His blood and life.

2 Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light

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through the gospel:

No wonder Jesus could boldly say what He said in John 8:51 and John 11:26 and meant it literally.

John 8:51 (Amplified Version) I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone observes. My teaching [lives in accordance with my message, keeps my word], he will by no means ever see and experience death.

John 11:26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

Please notice carefully that with this huge statement Jesus asked Martha if she believed it. This confirms that we must **Choose Life to Live**. Please bare in mind also that Martha was talking like she believed that Jesus could ask God to raise Lazarus from the dead even then and God would do so for Him.

John 11:21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

Martha is a good example of **Believing in Life** even though her brother Lazarus had been dead for 4 days.

In order for us to **Choose Life and Live** as Jesus came and died for us to do, we must flood our minds, hearts, and spirits with everything God’s word declares about living and life. We must gain knowledge of all that God’s word contains that proactively promotes and declares God giving us life and delivering us from death and it’s clutches. We will discover and study many pro-life verses in this teaching, some of which will be totally new to us, but powerful.

Even though people still do die, and in some cases may be close to us, we must push ourselves to pursue the promise

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word of God and fight the good fight of faith to **Choose Life and Live**.

Someone will get hold of this revelation and be alive all the way till Jesus returns. Someone will be preserved spirit, soul and Body till He comes as Paul taught in:

1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

Notice how Paul discussed the tremendous episode they had with facing death and how they countered it with *Believing in Life* and trusting in the deliverer from death and escaped death's clutches.

2 Corinthians 1:8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of

measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

We too must force ourselves to tap into what Jesus came and died for us to have and **Choose Life and Live**.

This study would not be complete without a trip into the old covenant version of God's promise for life that involved His people actually having the power to choose life instead of death. It also involved them and their children loving God with all their heart, soul, and mind and walking in uncompromising obedience to Him and having unlimited supernatural life.

Deuteronomy 30:2 And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I

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command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;

6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

It's very important to note here that the word *live* in this verse originates from the Hebrew word *kha-hee* listed #2416 in the Hebrew dictionary, and means by definition: *live prosperously, live forever, sustain life, live a new, remain alive, enliven, revive from sickness, discouragement, and even death.*

These next verses indicate that death and life are found as choices that can be made by one.

Deuteronomy 30:15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

Please notice that life and good are categorized together, and death and evil are categorized together.

Deuteronomy 30:16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Please note that the word *live* in this verse comes from the original Hebrew word *khaw-yaw* #2421 in the Chaldee Hebrew Dictionary and means by definition; *enjoy life, recover, be well, make alive, enliven, refresh, rebuild, live anew.* It also comes from the same root word as *khaw-yaw* discussed earlier. Please notice death and life as choices in the next verse.

Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore

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choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

If you look carefully I think you would agree that life and blessing should be categorized together and death and cursing categorized together. Also please notice that the choice you make to **Choose Life and Live** also affects your seed or children as well. By the same token when you choose to not **Believe in Life** and choose death instead you affect your seed or your children also. Let's also look at how strongly living God's righteousness contributes to having life and its defense against death's threat. Also please realize that death's threats can also be things that can cause it like, sickness, poverty and lack, disaster, turmoil, worry, fear etc. Too much of these negative demonic forces can cause death if not defeated and eliminated.

Proverbs 10:2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but

righteousness delivereth from death.

Proverbs 11:4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.

Proverbs 12:28 In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.

As we study these next verses, we will see very clearly that it is God's intention to deliver us from and help us avoid death. Please realize that where the word *pit* appears it is synonymous with death.

Psalms 49:15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.

Psalms 56:13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

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Psalms 116:8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

The more we are exposed to and learn verses such as these as well as others, the more we will become able to use our faith and **Choose Life and Live** in spite of the threats of death and things that can cause death coming against us. We must stay in environments where these powerful truths are spoken because faith cometh by hearing God’s words according to Romans 10:17.

Hosea 13:14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

It is very encouraging and comforting to know that God has delivered us from the power that the grave would have had over our lives if Jesus hadn’t

died for us. It’s also good to know that through Jesus’ death He actually redeemed us from death. Jesus blood paid the price we owed because of Adam’s sin. Jesus’ death was actually the destruction to the grave that Adam had caused to be designated for us. Jesus actually destroyed the devil’s power to kill us by his dying in our place and shedding His innocent blood. Notice these next verses very carefully.

Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

It’s truly amazing how in all Job’s suffering and loss of everything God was able to use him to declare God’s promises to deliver from death and the grave. These verses should give us strength, encouragement, motivation, and

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power to **Choose Life and Live.**

Job 33:18 He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

Remember the pit and grave are synonymous.

Job 33:22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

24 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.

25 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth:

God's even promising to keep our flesh fresher and youthful as we **Choose Life and Live.**

Job 33:28 He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

30 To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

It is very apparent that David had much revelation and insight into God's desire and power to deliver us from death and destruction and give us life, favor, and prosperity.

Psalms 30:1 I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

3 O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

5 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

It's worth noting that the word *favor* comes from the Hebrew word *rawtsone* and means: *to delight in, have pleasure*

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with, good will toward, kindness toward, grace toward, to pay off debt for.

Also the *word life* comes from the Hebrew word *khahee* and means: *live prosperously, live forever, remain alive, sustain life, revive from sickness, discouragement or even death.*

Psalms 30:6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

In the closing portion of this study we will study God’s divine promises to preserve and keep alive and active even those who are elderly or in senior saint years. They too are to **Choose Life and Live** regardless of what age they may be. God wants them active, full of life, flourishing and fruitful.

Psalms 71:9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

Psalms 71:18 Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to everyone that is to come.

Psalms 92:12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

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;

It’s obvious that God has promised fruitful and productive living even in our older age years. Even the Senior Saints can **Choose Life and Live** and live continually fruitful flourishing, and productive lives.

Even Psalm 91:16 says we will have long life, be satisfied, and see God’s salvation. The word salvation comes from the Hebrew word *yeshoo-aw* and means: *help, deliverance, welfare, enjoy good*

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health, prosperity.

Isaiah 46:4 And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

Praise God, even in old age we can **Choose Life and Live.**

We must realize how much power the spoken command word has to cause life. At times we must prophecy life to our own life and force our self to **Choose Life and Live.** In Ezekiel 37:1-14 we can see how God instructs Ezekiel to speak life to dead dry bones.

Disadvantage of death

Psalm 6:5 For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

Psalm 88:10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee? Selah.

11: Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction?

12: Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

Psalm 31:12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel.

Isaiah 38:17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

18: For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.

19: The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

Job 7:9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more.

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10: He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

When we **Choose life and Live** we also acknowledge and declare length of days and long life God’s promises to us.

Psalm 91:15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

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

The Promise of Long Life continued

Proverbs 3: 1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

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

Proverbs 3:13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man

that getteth understanding.

14: For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

16: Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.

Proverbs 4:10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

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