

WITH LONG LIFE I WILL SATISFY YOU

Many times Christians hear certain phrases over and over again and start to believe them without question. Because it sounds spiritual or religious we just automatically accept it without even searching the scriptures.

For example, when a person dies we say, “Oh, well, I guess it was their time to go”. Regardless of their age or circumstances, we just assume that God took them; that it was God’s will for them to die prematurely!!! God seems to get the blame no matter what.

We need to remember that it was Jesus who told us in John 10:10 that the thief [Satan] comes to rob, kill and destroy, not God. Jesus came to give us life, the ZOE (God-kind of life) and that more abundantly.

When God made covenant with Israel in coming out of Egypt, he said in Exodus 23:25, 26, “I will take sickness away from the midst of thee... and the number of thy days I will fulfill”. In Psalms 91:16, it says, “With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation”.

God wants us to fulfill our purpose here on earth. He wants us to live out the full number of our days. He does not desire us to die prematurely. It says in Ecclesiastes 7:17, “Why shouldst thou die before thy time?” This was spoken by Solomon, a man of great wisdom. It shows us that people can shorten their own life span here on earth.

Psalm 34:12-14, “What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?” This is the question the psalmist asks. He gives the answer in verses 13 and 14. “Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile” (lies and deception). In other words, all that is false. Verse 14, “depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it”. Peter quotes the same thing in I Peter 3:10,11.

Yes! By our own words we can shorten our days here on earth. We can choose to believe and confess what God’s Word says about us or not. It is our choice. We can open the door to evil or not.

Ephesians 4:27 says, “Give no place to the devil”. This means in all areas of life. Whatever comes from the evil one, we are to resist it. Sickness, poverty, fear, unbelief, disobedience, foolishness and worry is to be resisted and treated as an enemy.

We are to walk in love with each other and forgive each other. Proverbs 3:1, “Forget not my law for length of days, and long life, and peace shall they *add* to thee”.

There is basically only one law for the born-again Christian which fulfills all the law and commandments. It is the law of love! (Romans 13:8, Galatians 5:14, John 13:34, 35) In Ephesians 6:3 we find Paul speaking to children, “Honor your mother and father that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy *long* life”.

Deuteronomy 30:19, 20, “I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing, therefore choose life, that thou and thy seed may live. Verse 20, that thou mayest love the Lord, obey his voice and cleave unto him: For he is thy life and the length of thy days”.

We can avoid premature death also by walking in wisdom. Proverbs 9:10,11, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...Vs 11, For by me [wisdom] your days will be many and years will be added to your life.

Jesus can become wisdom to you. (I Corinthians 1:30) Lean on the Greater One in you. Wisdom comes from within you, not out of your head. It is out of your spirit.

Even if you have missed it so many times in the past, there is HOPE! Hezekiah was told he was going to die prematurely. He had opened the door to the enemy through disobedience. The prophet, Isaiah, told him he was going to die. Before Isaiah could get out of the king's courtyard, the Spirit of God directed Isaiah to go back and tell Hezekiah that fifteen more years would be added to his life because Hezekiah took the time to repent. II Kings 20:1-11. The Lord added years to his life.

David was another king that royally missed it, sinning with Bathsheba and having her husband killed in a secret cover up. Nathan, the prophet exposed it by the Spirit of God. David repented and declared that his sin was against God alone. II Samuel 12:3. It says however in I Chronicles 29:28, "and he [David] died in a good old age, full of riches and honor. The NIV says, "He died at a good old age, having enjoyed long life, wealth and honor".

Now that is the way to go Home to be with the Lord in the event He should tarry. No, God does not kill children and cause people to die before their time so He can have a flower in His garden. This is not in the Bible.

This is human reasoning and an insult to the character and nature of God. We may never know why some people die before their time, because it may be a matter between them and God alone. Deuteronomy 29:29, "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law". God may or may not reveal to us why a certain loved one died prematurely. If this is the case, we don't need to make something up on behalf of God. It is far better to say, "I don't know" and leave it at that. We know that God is a good God! And with long life He will satisfy me!

What is long life? Psalm 90:10 says, “The days of our years are three score and ten [70] and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years [80]. When you get to be 70 years old, if you are not satisfied, go on to 80 years. Just live until you get satisfied. If you are not satisfied at 80 years, then go on to 90 and hang around a little longer.

Like Paul said, “it is more needful to live on in the flesh for the church, to minister to and teach them, even though it is far better to go to Heaven to be with Christ.
(Philippians 1:21-24)

Fulfill your purpose here on earth. We will have all of eternity to fellowship in Heaven.