
A MESSAGE OF EXPANSION



FAMILIAR?

Psalm 91:16 (ESV)

With **long life** I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

Psalm 118:17 (ESV)

I **shall not die**, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Psalm 91:7-8 (NIV)

⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

⁸ You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

THE MYSTERY OF LONG LIFE



HOW TO KEEP ONESELF ALIVE

[1] BY GOD

Joshua 14:10 (AMP)

¹⁰ And now, look, **the Lord has let me live**, just as He said, these forty-five years since the Lord spoke this word to Moses, when Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, look at me, **I am eighty-five years old today.**

Psalms 30:3 AMP

³ O Lord, You have **brought my life up** from Sheol (the nether world, the place of the dead); **You have kept me alive, so that I would not go down to the pit (grave).**

[2] BY KEEPING ONESELF ALIVE

1 John 5:18 (NKJV)

Knowing the Truth—Rejecting the False

18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of **God keeps himself**, and the wicked one does not touch him.

[2] BY KEEPING ONESELF ALIVE

We keep ourselves alive by...

Having a Strong Spirit

Proverbs 18:14 (AMPC)

¹⁴ The strong spirit of a man sustains him in bodily pain *or* trouble, but weak *and* broken spirit who can raise up *or* bear?

A BROKEN SPIRIT

A broken spirit is an indication that we are closer to death.

Job 17:1 (KJV)

“My spirit is broken, My days are extinguished, The grave *is ready* for me.

[3] HONOR

Ephesians 6:1-3 (NKJV) - Children and Parents

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

² “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise:

³ “that it may be well with you and you may **live long on the earth.**”

[4] FEAR (REVERENCE) OF GOD

Proverb 10:27 (ESV)

The fear of the Lord **prolongs life**, but the years of the wicked will be short.

Deuteronomy 5:33 (ESV)

You shall walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and **that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.**

1 Kings 3:14 (ESV)

And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

[5] CARE FOR YOUR PETS

Proverbs 12:10 (NIV)

The **righteous care for the needs of their animals**, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.

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Deuteronomy 22:6-7 (NIV)

⁶ If you come across a bird's nest beside the road, either in a tree or on the ground, and the mother is sitting on the young or on the eggs, do not take the mother with the young.

⁷ You may take the young, but be sure to let the mother go, so that it may go well with you and you may have **a long life.**

THIS IS HOW MUCH THE LORD CARES

Matthew 10:29

Matthew 6:26



Matthew 10:29

MSG

29 “What’s the price of a pet canary? Some loose change, right? And God cares what happens to it even more than you do.

AMPC

29 Are not two little **sparrows sold for a penny?** And yet not one of them will fall to the ground **without your father’s leave (consent) *and* notice.**

Matthew 6:26 (KJV)

²⁶ Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; **yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?**

**It is possible to shortchange one's life by
mistreating pets.**

(Deuteronomy 22:6-7)



NOTEWORTHY POINTS

a) If we do not take care of the pets living with us or that come around us, we may cause our lives to end prematurely.

Therefore, we can prolong our days by caring for our pets otherwise we are attracting premature death when we are wicked and uncaring towards our pets.

b) If we drive and hit an animal, please do not drive off without remorse.

NOTEWORTHY POINTS

c) If animals (deers, etc.) come around and eat your plants, permit them; do not send them away.

d) Do not allow your children to be wicked to pets. Do not allow your children to be unruly towards pets.

NOTEWORTHY POINTS

e) According to scriptures, pets in our houses can be numbered as part of our household. Therefore, do not starve your pets.

When God thinks of our houses and our children, the pets are included.

f) When a stray pet comes to your house, feed it (if possible) before sending it to the owner.

NOTEWORTHY POINTS

g) Pets have spiritual sensitivity to know when death is around a person and so they come to collect the death.

h) Prolonging our days is part of expansion.

2 Samuel 12:1-5 (AMP) - Nathan rebukes David

¹ And the Lord sent Nathan [the prophet] to David. He came and said to him,
“There were two men in a city, one rich and the other poor.

² “The rich man had a very large number of flocks and herds,

³ **But the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb which he had purchased and nourished; And it grew up together with him and his children. It ate his food, drank from his cup, it lay in his arms, and was like a daughter to him.**

2 Samuel 12:1-5 (AMP) - Nathan rebukes David

⁴ “Now a traveler (visitor) came to the rich man, and to avoid taking one from his own flock or herd to prepare [a meal] for the traveler who had come to him, he took the poor man’s ewe lamb and prepared it for his guest.”

⁵ Then David’s anger burned intensely against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done **this deserves to die.**”

The enemy knows this.

JOB 1:13-22 (NIV)



¹³ One day when **Job's sons and daughters** were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house,

¹⁴ a messenger came to Job and said, "The **oxen were plowing and the donkeys** were grazing nearby,

¹⁵ and **the Sabeans attacked and made off with them.** They **put the servants** to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁶ While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, “**The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants,** and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

¹⁷ While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and **swept down on your camels and made off with them.** They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

18 While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, “Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother’s house,

19 when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. **It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”**

20 At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship

21 and said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.”

22 In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

People and animals fasted.



Jonah 3:5-9 (NIV)

⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

⁶ When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.

⁷ This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink."

⁸ But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence.

⁹ Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."