

Long Life in the Anointing

Dear Family,

The reading from the Torah for this week found in **Genesis 23:1-25:18** tells of the end of earthly life of Sarah, Abraham and Ishmael and is a witness to the truth recorded for us in Scripture which stand against the wisdom and experience of our so-called *enlightened* era regarding **the expected life span of man**.

*Genesis 23:1 And Sarah was **an hundred and seven and twenty years old**: these were the years of the life of Sarah.*

*Genesis 25:7 And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, **an hundred threescore and fifteen years**.*

*Genesis 25:17 And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, **an hundred and thirty and seven years**: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people.*

Now, I can almost hear the objections that have been put forth such as, "That was then; this is now," or "Time was reckoned differently in Bible time than it is today." However, one who honestly reads scripture, will be led to the conclusion that God established the duration of a day as a night and a day (24 hours), weeks as seven days and that the year is a period consisting of three hundred sixty days, when adjusted with appropriate leap months. It is easy to verify this simple information, but I only mention it to establish the fact that Abraham's life span, and that of Sarah and Ishmael, were very close to, if not exactly what it would be if calculated in the present-day calendar system, and, for that matter, so were Adam and all of the other individuals whose ages are recorded for us in Scripture. I want you to understand that these people who lived to advanced ages were not seen in Scripture as decrepit and unable to function, but they were still leading fruitful and functional lives at the end of their days.

There are those who would argue that the lifespan of man is represented by the words of Moses in the following verses which were written during the years of wandering in the wilderness.

*Psalms 90:9 For all **our days are passed away in thy wrath**: we spend our years as a tale that is told.*

Psalms 90:10 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.

These verses are often quoted to show that we can only expect to live seventy or eighty years, but if you will notice verse nine, you will be reminded of the setting of what is **actually a lament by Moses over the fact that, because of unbelief, all the people twenty years and upward had sentenced themselves to die in the wilderness by praying amiss. Only Caleb and Joshua, who trusted God were alive to enter the promised land leading the children who were under twenty years when the wandering time began.**

*Numbers 14:2 And all the children of Israel **murmured** against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, **Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!***

No, the words from Psalms 90 were not spoken by Moses as a truth for future generations, but **rather his mournful observation of the results of fear and unbelief** to the people who had beheld the mighty power and presence of God in magnificent deliverance and provision, and yet persisted in living by the wisdom of this world, thus **judging themselves unworthy of the Land of Promise and long life**. As a matter of fact, it is not coincidence that God arranged the Psalms for us to read the following words immediately after Moses' lament to show His plans and purposes had not changed, for **His promises are sure to those who trust**.

Psams 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.

*Psams 91:16 **With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.***

God had previously told us during the time of Noah that a man's life was to be one hundred twenty years, and Our God does not change.

*Genesis 6:3 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.***

It is very necessary for us **to hear these verses of promise, and to speak them to ourselves so that by hearing and hearing, our trust in them will grow and produce corresponding fruit**. God's plan for you is that you may be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and have dominion in it. He desires for your days to be long on the earth as you walk in the light of His Word, and as you show forth that light in the midst of darkness, thereby shattering it with the brilliance of Yeshua that is within you.

The wisdom of this world reveals an evil origin bent on deceiving the citizens of the Kingdom of God into relinquishing their God-given inheritance and settling for the life of the destitute and hopeless. The very statistics that are regularly broadcast seem

designed to discourage us from the health and victory we are promised, instead filling our thoughts with the numbers of people expected to die from various maladies and illnesses, and offering only man-made solutions and fleeting health fads to temporarily and imperfectly alleviate symptoms and tempt us to lean on our own understanding rather than trust in the Living God. This can only cause the natural mind to fear and lose hope for the future, leading many to believe a lie and decide that an early departure from this life is in their best interest, never once considering **the great power of the life of God** that was imputed to faithful Abraham as he received strength to be a father to Isaac, and years later to father six more sons by Keturah (Genesis 25:1,2).

Abraham lived to be one hundred seventy-five, and it is written that he "gave up the ghost, and **died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years**; and was gathered to his people" (Genesis 25:8). I would like you to notice that the Hebrew text does not include the word, "years," which is italicized, and should read that **he "died in a good old age, an old man and full**; and was gathered unto his people." Another way of translating it would be that he was mature and content as he was gathered unto his people. His life, as prophesied by the Spirit of God, was blessed and produced blessing for all mankind. Because of the anointing that was upon Abraham, God manifested the fruit that became a great nation, and brought forth the Messiah, the anointed one, to deliver all who believe and bring forth through them a new species of created beings to live in that same anointing to bear fruit all the days of their lives.

I believe that the Father would have us trust Him for all that He has promised us. He would never want us to settle for less than the Kingdom of God, His way of doing things. **It is He that has ordained us to live long and satisfying lives on this earth that we may be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth with His presence and glory, for the Anointed One and His anointing in us are the way that His glory will be seen in the earth. Today, let's choose to live long and have dominion through Yeshua, the Messiah.**

*Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**:*

*1 Corinthians 15:57 **But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.***

*1 Corinthians 15:58 **Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.***

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Terry