

Number our days



Psalm 90

- Psa 90:10 The days of our lives *are* seventy years;
- And if by reason of strength *they are* eighty years,
- Yet their boast *is* only labor and sorrow;
- For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
- 11 Who knows the power of Your anger?
- For as the fear of You, *so is* Your wrath.
- 12 So teach *us* to **number our days,**
- That we may gain a heart of wisdom.



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- Psa 39: 4 "LORD, make me to know my end, And what *is* the measure of my days, That I may **know how frail I *am*.**
- *Job 14: 5* Since his days ***are determined***, the number of his months *is* with You; You **have appointed his limits**, so that he cannot pass.

Why do the wicked live *and* become old?

- Ecc 8:12 Though a sinner does evil a hundred *times*, and his *days are prolonged*, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him.
- Job 21:7 Why do the wicked live *and* become *old*, yes, become mighty in power?
- Job 21:30 For the wicked are reserved for the day of doom; they shall be brought out on the day of wrath.

Why do the righteous die young?

- I KINGS 14: 12 Arise therefore, go to your own house. When your feet enter the city, **the child shall die**. 13 And all Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for he is the only one of Jeroboam who shall come to the grave, because in him **there is found something good** toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.
- ISAIAH 57 :1 .. **Merciful men *are* taken away**, while no one considers that the righteous is taken away from evil.

Discussion: Why did God let them die early without saving them?

- Abel?
- John the Baptist?
- Stephen?

I DON'T WANT TO DIE!

- Isa 38:1 In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.' "
- 2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, 3 and said, "Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done *what is* good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.
- 4 And the word of the LORD came to Isaiah, saying, 5 "Go and tell Hezekiah, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely, I will add to your days **fifteen years**."

The Longer the better?

- 2 Kings 21:1 Manasseh *was* **twelve years old** when he became king, and he reigned **fifty-five years** in Jerusalem....
- II CHRONICLES 33:11 Therefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh with hooks, bound him with bronze *fetters*, and carried him off to Babylon. **12 Now when he was in affliction, he implored the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,** 13 and prayed to Him; and He received his entreaty, heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD *was* God.

It's not about how long we live but

What can we know about God?

(1) God is love: patience / mercy

- 2 Pet 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is **longsuffering** toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

(2) God is sovereign and wise

- Exo 9:16 But indeed for this *purpose* I have raised you up, that **I may show My power** *in* you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.

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- HABAKKUK 1 : 5 "Look among the nations and watch—Be utterly astounded! For *I will* work a work in your days *which* you would not believe, though it were told *you*. 6 For indeed I am raising up the **Chaldeans**, a bitter and hasty nation which marches through the breadth of the earth, to possess dwelling places *that are* not theirs. **7 They are terrible and dreadful**;... 12 Are You not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, **You have appointed them for judgment**; O Rock, You have marked them for correction.
- ISAIAH 10: 5 "Woe to **Assyria, the rod of My anger**. And the staff in whose hand is My indignation.

(3) God is just

- Pro 16:4 The LORD has made all for Himself, Yes, even the wicked for the day of doom.
- Mat 13:38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked *one*. 39The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. 40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.

(4) God has a purpose and His time

- John 15:1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may **bear more fruit**.”



Isa 28

- 23 Give ear and hear my voice, Listen and hear my speech. 24 Does the plowman keep plowing all day to sow? Does he keep turning his soil and breaking the clods? 25 When he has leveled its surface, Does he not sow the black cummin and scatter the cummin, plant the wheat in rows, the barley in the appointed place and the spelt in its place? 26 For He instructs him in right judgment, His God teaches him. 27 For the black cummin is not threshed with a threshing sledge, Nor is a cartwheel rolled over the cummin; But the black cummin is beaten out with a stick, And the cummin with a rod. 28 Bread *flour* must be ground; Therefore, he does not thresh it forever, Break *it with* his cartwheel, Or crush it *with* his horsemen. 29 This also comes from the LORD of hosts, *Who is wonderful in counsel and excellent in guidance.*

Short life? Long Life? Meaningful Life?

- Heb 10:9 “Behold, I have come to **do Your will, O God.**”
- John 19:30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**It is finished!**”
- **Doing God’s Will and accomplished our mission on earth.**

Meaningful Life?

- 2Tim 4:6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. **7I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.** 8Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.
- Gen 49:33 And when Jacob had finished commanding his sons, he **drew his feet up into the bed** and breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.