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[Hebrew, *chai-yim'*, Greek, *zo-e'*]

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• The principle of life or living, the animate existence, or term of animate existence, of an individual. As to earthly, physical life, things possessing life generally have the capabilities of growth, metabolism, response to external stimuli, and reproduction.

• The Hebrew word used in the Scriptures is *chai-yim'*, and the Greek word is *zo-e'*. The Hebrew word *ne'phesh* and the Greek word *psy-khe'*, both meaning, soul, are also employed to refer to life, not in the abstract sense, but to life as a person or an animal. The words soul and life, as used at;

• My soul certainly feels a loathing toward my **life**. I will give vent to my concern about myself. I will speak in the bitterness of my soul! (**Job 10:1**)

• He is setting our soul in **life**, and he has not allowed our foot to totter. (**Psalms 66:9**)

- And they will prove to be **life** to your soul and charm to your throat. (**Proverbs 3:22**)
- Vegetation has **life**, the life principle operating in it, but not life as a soul. Life in the fullest sense, as applied to intelligent persons, is perfect existence with the right to it.

•• Yehowah God The Source

- **Life** has always existed, because Yehowah God is the living God, the Fountain of life, and he has no beginning or end of existence.
- But Yehowah is in truth God. He is the living God and the King to time indefinite. Because of his indignation the earth will rock, and no nations will hold up under his denunciation. (**Jeremiah 10:10**)
- And as he got near to the pit, he cried out with a sad voice even to Daniel. The king was speaking up and saying to Daniel: O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you are serving with constancy been able to rescue you from the lions? (**Daniel 6:20**)
- From before me there has been put through an order that, in every dominion of my kingdom, people are to be quaking and fearing before the God of Daniel. For he is the living God and One enduring to times indefinite, and his kingdom is one that will not be brought to ruin, and his dominion is forever. (**Daniel 6:26**)
- Just as the living Father sent me forth and I live because of the Father, he also that feeds on me, even that one will live because of me. (**John 6:57**)
- For you are shown to be a letter of Christ written by us as ministers, inscribed not with ink but with spirit of a living God, not on stone tablets, but on fleshly tablets, on hearts. (**2 Corinthians 3:3**)
- And what agreement does God's temple have with idols? For we are a temple of a living God, just as God said; I shall reside among them and walk among them, and I shall be their God, and they will be my people. (**2 Corinthians 6:16**)

- For they themselves keep reporting about the way we first entered in among you and how you turned to God from your idols to slave for a living and true God. (**1 Thessalonians 1:9**)
- Now to the King of eternity, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (**1 Timothy 1:17**)
- For with you is the source of **life**, by light from you we can see light. (**Psalms 36:9**)
- O Yehowah, the hope of Israel, all those who are leaving you will be put to shame. Those apostatizing from me will be written down even in the earth, because they have left the source of living water, Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 17:13**)
- The first of his creations was given **life**, namely, his only-begotten Son, the Word.
- In the beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. (**John 1:1**)
- This one was in the beginning with God. (**John 1:2**)
- All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence. What has come into existence (**John 1:3**)
- He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (**Colossians 1:15**)
- Through this Son, other **living** angelic sons of God were created.
- Where did you happen to be when I founded the earth? Tell me, if you do know understanding. (**Job 38:4**)
- Who set its measurements, in case you know, or who stretched out upon it the measuring line? (**Job 38:5**)
- Into what have its socket pedestals been sunk down, or who laid its cornerstone. (**Job 38:6**)
- When the morning stars joyfully cried out together, and all the sons of God began shouting in applause? (**Job 38:7**)

- **Because by means of him all other things were created in the heavens and upon the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, no matter whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. All other things have been created through him and for him. (Colossians 1:16)**
- **Also, he is before all other things and by means of him all other things were made to exist. (Colossians 1:17)**
- **Later, the physical universe was brought into existence.**
- **In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)**
- **Now the earth proved to be formless and waste and there was darkness upon the surface of the watery deep, and God's active force was moving to and fro over the surface of the waters. (Genesis 1:2)**
- **And on the third of earth's creative days the first forms of physical life: grass, vegetation, and fruit trees. On the fifth day, living earthly souls, sea animals, and winged flying creatures were created, and on the sixth day, land animals and, finally, man.**
- **And God went on to say; Let the earth cause grass to shoot forth, vegetation bearing seed, fruit trees yielding fruit according to their kinds, the seed of which is in it, upon the earth. And it came to be so. (Genesis 1:11)**
- **And the earth began to put forth grass, vegetation bearing seed according to its kind and trees yielding fruit, the seed of which is in it according to its kind. Then God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:12)**
- **And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a third day. (Genesis 1:13)**
- **And God went on to say; Let the waters swarm forth a swarm of living souls and let flying creatures fly over the earth upon the face of the expanse of the heavens. (Genesis 1:20)**
- **And God proceeded to create the great sea monsters and every living soul that moves about, which the waters swarmed forth according to their kinds, and every winged flying creature**

according to its kind. And God got to see that it was good.
([Genesis 1:21](#))

- With that God blessed them, saying; Be fruitful and become many and fill the waters in the sea basins, and let the flying creatures become many in the earth. ([Genesis 1:22](#))
- And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a fifth day. ([Genesis 1:23](#))
- And God went on to say; Let the earth put forth living souls according to their kinds, domestic animal and moving animal and wild beast of the earth according to its kind. And it came to be so. ([Genesis 1:24](#))
- And God proceeded to make the wild beast of the earth according to its kind and the domestic animal according to its kind and every moving animal of the ground according to its kind. And God got to see that it was good. ([Genesis 1:25](#))
- And God went on to say; Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and the domestic animals and all the earth and every moving animal that is moving upon the earth. ([Genesis 1:26](#))
- And God proceeded to create the man in his image, in God's image he created him, male and female he created them. ([Genesis 1:27](#))
- Further, God blessed them and God said to them; Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth and subdue it, and have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and every living creature that is moving upon the earth. ([Genesis 1:28](#))
- And God went on to say; Here I have given to you all vegetation bearing seed which is on the surface of the whole earth and every tree on which there is the fruit of a tree bearing seed. To you let it serve as food. ([Genesis 1:29](#))
- And to every wild beast of the earth and to every flying creature of the heavens and to everything moving upon the earth in which there is **life** as a soul I have given all green vegetation for food.

And it came to be so. ([Genesis 1:30](#))

- After that God saw everything he had made and, look! It was very good. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a sixth day. ([Genesis 1:31](#))
- Neither is he attended to by human hands as if he needed anything, because he himself gives to all persons **life** and breath and all things. ([Acts of Apostles 17:25](#))

See Also CREATION

See Also DAY

- Consequently, **life** on earth did not have to wait for some chance combination of chemicals to occur under certain exact conditions. Such a thing has never yet been observed and, in fact, is impossible. **Life** on earth came to be as the result of a direct command of Yehowah God the Source of **life** and by the direct action of his Son in carrying out that command.

.. Only Life Begets Life

- The Bible account tells us in each instance that the thing created brought forth offspring in its likeness, or, according to its kind.
- And the earth began to put forth grass, vegetation bearing seed according to its kind and trees yielding fruit, the seed of which is in it according to its kind. Then God saw that it was good. ([Genesis 1:12](#))
- And God proceeded to create the great sea monsters and every living soul that moves about, which the waters swarmed forth according to their kinds, and every winged flying creature according to its kind. And God got to see that it was good. ([Genesis 1:21](#))
- And God proceeded to make the wild beast of the earth according to its kind and the domestic animal according to its kind and every moving animal of the ground according to its kind. And God got to see that it was good. ([Genesis 1:25](#))
- And Adam lived on for a hundred and thirty years. Then he became father to a son in his likeness, in his image, and called his name Seth. ([Genesis 5:3](#))

- Scientists have found that there is indeed discontinuity between the different kinds, and, except for the question of origin, this has been the chief obstacle to the theory of evolution.

See Also KIND

· Life-Force And Breath

- In earthly creatures, or **souls**, there is both the active **life-force**, or **spirit** that animates them, and the **breath** that sustains that **life-force**. Both **spirit**, **life-force**, and **breath** are provisions from God, and he can destroy **life** by taking either away.

- If you conceal your face, they get disturbed. If you take away their spirit, they expire, and back to their dust they go. (**Psalm 104:29**)

- This is what the true God, Yehowah, has said; the Creator of the heavens and the Grand One stretching them out, the One laying out the earth and its produce, the One giving breath to the people on it, and spirit to those walking in it. (**Isaiah 42:5**)

- At the time of the Flood, animals and humans were drowned, their breath was cut off and the force of **life** was extinguished. It died out. Everything in which the breath of the force of life was active literally, in which the breath of the active force, **spirit of life** was in its nostrils, namely, all that were on the dry ground, died. [**Robert Young's translation**]

- Everything in which the breath of the force of **life** was active in its nostrils, namely, all that were on the dry ground, died. (**Genesis 7:22**)

See Also SPIRIT

· Organism

- All things having **life**, either spiritual or fleshly, have an organism, or body. **Life** itself is impersonal, incorporeal, being merely the life principle.

- In discussing the kind of body with which resurrected persons will come back, the apostle Paul explains that those created for different environments have different bodies. As for those having **life** on earth, he says:
- Not all flesh is the same flesh, but there is one of mankind, and there is another flesh of cattle, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish. (**1 Corinthians 15:39**)
- And there are heavenly bodies, and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly bodies is one sort, and that of the earthly bodies is a different sort. (**1 Corinthians 15:40**)
- Regarding the difference in the flesh of various earthly bodies, the 1942 edition of the **Encyclopaedia Britannica** [Vol. 14, p. 42] says: **Another feature is the chemical individuality everywhere manifest, for each distinct type of organism seems to have some distinctive protein of its own, and some characteristic rate or rhythm of metabolism.**
- Thus under the general quality of persistence amid unceasing metabolism, there is a triad of facts. The building-up that compensates for the breaking-down of proteins, the occurrence of these proteins in a colloidal state, and **their specificity from type to type.**

•• **Transmission Of Life-Force**

- The **life-force** in creatures, being started into activity by Yehowah in the first of each kind, for example, in the first human pair, could then be passed on by the procreative process to offspring.
- In mammals, following conception the mother supplies oxygen and other nourishment until birth, when the infant begins to breathe through its nostrils, to nurse, and later to eat.
- When Adam was created, God formed man's body. For that newly created body to live and continue alive, both the **spirit, life-force,** and breathing were needed.
- And Yehowah God proceeded to form the man out of dust from the ground and to blow into his nostrils the breath of **life**, and the man came to be a living soul. (**Genesis 2:7**)
- States that God proceeded, to blow into his nostrils the breath form of *nesha-mah*' of **life**, and the man came to be a **living** soul. The

breath of life must refer to more than just breath or air moving into the lungs.

- God evidently provided Adam with both the **spirit** or spark of **life** and the breath needed to keep him **alive**. Now Adam began to have **life** as a person, to express personality traits, and by his speech and actions he could reveal that he was higher than the animals, that he was a son of God, made in His likeness and image.

- And God proceeded to create the man in his image, in God's image he created him, male and female he created them. (**Genesis 1:27**)

- Son of Enosh, son of Seth, son of Adam, son of God. (**Luke 3:38**)

- The **life** of man and animals is dependent both on the life-force started off initially in the first of each kind and on breath to sustain that life-force.

- Biological science testifies to this fact. This is evident in their separation of the process of death into two classifications, **Somatic, or systemic, death**, sometimes called clinical death, which is the absolute cessation of the functions of the brain, as well as of the circulatory and the respiratory organs, the body as an organized unit is dead, and **death of the tissues**, sometimes termed biological death, the entire disappearance of the vital actions of the ultimate structural constituents of the body.

- So even though somatic death has taken place, the **life-force** still lingers in the cells of the body's tissues until eventually every cell dies completely, death of the tissues.

•• Aging And Death

- All forms of vegetable **life**, as well as animal life, are transitory. A long-standing question among scientists has been; Why does man grow old and die?

- Some scientists propose that there is a genetically determined **life** span for each cell. For support they point to experiments in which cells cultured in an artificial environment were found to stop dividing after about 50 divisions.

- Other scientists, however, contend that such experiments do not provide insight into why whole organisms age. Various other explanations are offered, including the theory that the brain releases hormones that play a large part in aging and subsequent death.
- That a person must be cautious about accepting one theory over another is suggested by the comments of **Roy L. Walford, M.D**, who said, **It's not a cause for alarm or even surprise that Hayflicks paradigm, the theory that aging is built into the cells genetics, may prove ultimately false, or be replaced by a better but ultimately equally false paradigm. Everything is true for its own time. [Maximum Life Span, 1983, p. 75]**
- In considering the findings and conclusions of scientists, it should be noted that most do not credit **life** to a Creator. Through their own efforts, they hope to discover the secret of aging and death so as to extend human **life** indefinitely.
- They overlook the fact that the Creator himself decreed the death sentence for the first human pair, implementing that sentence in a way that man does not fully understand, similarly, he holds forth the prize of everlasting life to those who exercise faith in his Son.
- And Yehowah God also laid this command upon the man; From every tree of the garden you may eat to satisfaction. (**Genesis 2:16**)
- But as for the tree of the knowledge of good and bad you must not eat from it, for in the day you eat from it you will positively die. (**Genesis 2:17**)
- To the woman he said; I shall greatly increase the pain of your pregnancy, in birth pangs you will bring forth children, and your craving will be for your husband, and he will dominate you. (**Genesis 3:16**)
- And to Adam he said; Because you listened to your wife's voice and took to eating from the tree concerning which I gave you this command: You must not eat from it. Cursed is the ground on your account. In pain you will eat its produce all the days of your **life**. (**Genesis 3:17**)
- And thorns and thistles it will grow for you, and you must eat the vegetation of the field. (**Genesis 3:18**)

- In the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For dust you are and to dust you will return. (**Genesis 3:19**)
- For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, in order, that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting **life**. (**John 3:16**)

·· **Adam Lost Life For Himself And Offspring**

- **When Adam was created, God placed in the garden of Eden the tree of life.**
- Thus Yehowah God made to grow out of the ground every tree desirable to ones sight and good for food and also the tree of **life** in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and bad. (**Genesis 2:9**)
- This tree evidently had no intrinsic **life-giving** qualities in its fruit, but it represented God's guarantee of **life** to time indefinite, to the one whom God would allow to eat of its fruit.
- Since the tree was put there by God for some purpose, undoubtedly Adam would have been permitted to eat this fruit after proving faithful to a point that God considered satisfactory and sufficient.
- When Adam transgressed, he was prevented from having opportunity to eat from the tree, Yehowah saying; Now in order, that he may not put his hand out and actually take fruit also from the tree of life and eat and **live** to time indefinite.
- Then Yehowah followed his words with action. He would not allow one unworthy of life to live in the garden made for righteous persons and to eat of the tree of life.
- And Yehowah God went on to say; Here the man has become like one of us in knowing good and bad, and now in order, that he may not put his hand out and actually take fruit also from the tree of **life** and eat and live to time indefinite. (**Genesis 3:22**)
- With that Yehowah God put him out of the garden of Eden to cultivate the ground from which he had been taken. (**Genesis 3:23**)

- **Adam, who had enjoyed perfect **life** contingent on obedience to Yehowah.**
- **But as for the tree of the knowledge of good and bad you must not eat from it, for in the day you eat from it you will positively **die**. (Genesis 2:17)**
- **The Rock, perfect is his activity, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness, with whom there is no injustice. Righteous and upright is he. (Deuteronomy 32:4)**
- **Now experienced in himself the workings of sin and its fruitage, death. His **lives** vigor was strong, nevertheless. Even in his sad situation, cut off from God and true spirituality, he lived 930 years before death overtook him.**
- **In the meantime he was able to pass on, not fullness of life, but a measure of life to his posterity, many of whom lived from 700 to 900 years.**
- **And Adam lived on for a hundred and thirty years. Then he became father to a son in his likeness, in his image, and called his name Seth. (Genesis 5:3)**
- **And the days of Adam after his fathering Seth came to be eight hundred years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (Genesis 5:4)**
- **So all the days of Adam that he lived amounted to nine hundred and thirty years and he died. (Genesis 5:5)**
- **And Seth lived on for a hundred and five years. Then he became father to Enosh. (Genesis 5:6)**
- **And after his fathering Enosh Seth continued to live eight hundred and seven years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (Genesis 5:7)**
- **So all the days of Seth amounted to nine hundred and twelve years and he died. (Genesis 5:8)**
- **And Enosh lived on for ninety years. Then he became father to Kenan. (Genesis 5:9)**

- **And after his fathering Kenan Enosh continued to live eight hundred and fifteen years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (Genesis 5:10)**
- **So all the days of Enosh amounted to nine hundred and five years and he died. (Genesis 5:11)**
- **And Kenan lived on for seventy years. Then he became father to Mahalalel. (Genesis 5:12)**
- **And after his fathering Mahalalel Kenan continued to live eight hundred and forty years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (Genesis 5:13)**
- **So all the days of Kenan amounted to nine hundred and ten years and he died. (Genesis 5:14)**
- **And Mahalalel lived on for sixty-five years. Then he became father to Jared. (Genesis 5:15)**
- **And after his fathering Jared Mahalalel continued to live eight hundred and thirty years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (Genesis 5:16)**
- **So all the days of Mahalalel amounted to eight hundred and ninety-five years and he died. (Genesis 5:17)**
- **And Jared lived on for a hundred and sixty-two years. Then he became father to Enoch. (Genesis 5:18)**
- **And after his fathering Enoch Jared continued to live eight hundred years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (Genesis 5:19)**
- **So all the days of Jared amounted to nine hundred and sixty-two years and he died. (Genesis 5:20)**
- **And Enoch lived on for sixty-five years. Then he became father to Methuselah. (Genesis 5:21)**
- **And after his fathering Methuselah Enoch went on walking with the true God three hundred years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (Genesis 5:22)**

- **So all the days of Enoch amounted to three hundred and sixty-five years. (Genesis 5:23)**
- **And Enoch kept walking with the true God. Then he was no more, for God took him. (Genesis 5:24)**
- **And Methuselah lived on for a hundred and eighty-seven years. Then he became father to Lamech. (Genesis 5:25)**
- **And after his fathering Lamech Methuselah continued to live seven hundred and eighty-two years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (Genesis 5:26)**
- **So all the days of Methuselah amounted to nine hundred and sixty-nine years and he died. (Genesis 5:27)**
- **And Lamech lived on for a hundred and eighty-two years. Then he became father to a son. (Genesis 5:28)**
- **And he proceeded to call his name Noah, saying; This one will bring us comfort from our work and from the pain of our hands resulting from the ground which Yehowah has cursed. (Genesis 5:29)**
- **And after his fathering Noah Lamech continued to live five hundred and ninety-five years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (Genesis 5:30)**
- **So all the days of Lamech amounted to seven hundred and seventy-seven years and he died. (Genesis 5:31)**
- **And Noah got to be five hundred years old. After that Noah became father to Shem, Ham and Japheth. (Genesis 5:32)**
- **But the process that took place with Adam is described by Jesus half brother James.**
- **But each one is tried by being drawn out and enticed by his own desire. (James 1:14)**
- **Then the desire, when it has become fertile, gives birth to sin, in turn, sin, when it has been accomplished, brings forth death. (James 1:15)**

·· What Man Needs For Life

- Most scientific investigators not only overlook the cause of death in all mankind, but more important, **they ignore the prime factor requisite for everlasting life.**
- While it is necessary for the human body to be constantly nourished and refreshed by breathing, drinking, and eating, there is something far more essential for continuance of **life.**
- The principle was expressed by Yehowah;
- So he humbled you and let you go hungry and fed you with the manna, which neither you had known nor your fathers had known, in order to make you know that not by bread alone does man live but **by every expression of Yehowah's mouth** does man **live.** (**Deuteronomy 8:3**)
- Jesus Christ repeated this statement and also said,
- Jesus said to them; My **food** is for me to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work. (**John 4:34**)
- But in reply he said; It is written: Man must live, not on bread alone, but **on every utterance coming forth through Yehowah's mouth.** (**Matthew 4:4**)
- On another occasion he declared;
- Just as the **living** Father sent me forth and I **live** because of the Father, he also that feeds on me, even that one will **live** because of me. (**John 6:57**)
- When man was created, he was made in God's image, according to his likeness.
- And God went on to say; Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and the domestic animals and all the earth and every moving animal that is moving upon the earth. (**Genesis 1:26**)
- And God proceeded to create the man in his image, in God's

image he created him, male and female he created them.
([Genesis 1:27](#))

- **This, of course, did not mean physical image or appearance, for God is a Spirit, and man is flesh.**
- **After that Yehowah said; My spirit shall not act toward man indefinitely in that he is also flesh. Accordingly his days shall amount to a hundred and twenty years. ([Genesis 6:3](#))**
- **God is a Spirit, and those worshiping him must worship with spirit and truth. ([John 4:24](#))**
- **It meant that man, different from the unreasoning animals.**
- **But these men, like unreasoning animals born naturally to be caught and destroyed, will, in the things of which they are ignorant and speak abusively, even suffer destruction in their own course of destruction. ([2 Peter 2:12](#))**
- **Had reasoning power, he had attributes like those of God, such as [love, a sense of justice, wisdom, and power](#).**
- **And clothe yourselves with the new personality, which through accurate knowledge is being made new according to the image of the One who created it. ([Colossians 3:10](#))**
- **He had the ability to understand why he existed and his Creator's purpose toward him. Hence he, unlike the animals, was given the capacity for spirituality.**
- **He could appreciate and worship his Creator. This capacity created a need in Adam. He needed more than literal food, he had to have spiritual sustenance, his spirituality had to be exercised for his mental and physical welfare.**
- **Consequently, apart from Yehowah God and his spiritual provisions there can be no indefinite continuance of **life**. As to **living forever**, Jesus said;**
- **This means [everlasting life](#), their [taking in knowledge](#) of you, the only true God, and of the one whom you sent forth, Jesus Christ. ([John 17:3](#))**

•• Regeneration

- **With a view to restoring to mankind perfection of organism and the prospect of eternal **life**, Yehowah has provided the truth, the word of **life**.**
- **Sanctify them by means of the truth, your word is truth. (John 17:17)**
- **Keeping a tight grip on the word of **life**, that I may have cause for exultation in Christ's day, that I did not run in vain or work hard in vain. (Philippians 2:16)**
- **Following the truth will lead one to a knowledge of God's provision of Jesus Christ, who gave himself a ransom in exchange for many.**
- **Just as the Son of man came, not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his soul a ransom in exchange for many. (Matthew 20:28)**
- **Only through this means can man be restored to full spirituality as well as to physical wholeness.**
- **Furthermore, there is no salvation in anyone else, for there is not another name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must get saved. (Acts of Apostles 4:12)**
- **But it is due to him that you are in union with Christ Jesus, who has become to us wisdom from God, also righteousness and sanctification and release by ransom. (1 Corinthians 1:30)**
- **But each one in his own rank. Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who belong to the Christ during his presence. (1 Corinthians 15:23)**
- **Next, the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has brought to nothing all government and all authority and power. (1 Corinthians 15:24)**
- **For he must rule as king until God has put all enemies under his feet. (1 Corinthians 15:25)**
- **As the last enemy, death is to be brought to nothing. (1**

Corinthians 15:26)

- The one who did not know sin he made to be sin for us, that we might become God's righteousness by means of him. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

See Also RANSOM

- Through Jesus Christ, then, regeneration to **life** comes. He is called, **the last Adam**, and he became a life-giving spirit.
- It is even so written: The first man Adam became a living soul. The last Adam became a **life-giving spirit**. (1 Corinthians 15:45)
- Prophecy designates him as **Eternal Father**.
- For there has been a child born to us, there has been a son given to us. The princely rule will come to be upon his shoulder. His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, **Eternal Father**, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)
- And as the one who poured out his soul to the very death, whose soul is set as a guilt offering. He, as such Father, is able to regenerate mankind, thus **giving life** to those who exercise faith in the offering of his soul and are obedient.
- But Yehowah himself took delight in crushing him, he made him sick. If you will set his soul as a guilt offering, he will see his offspring, he will prolong his days, and in his hand what is the delight of Yehowah will succeed. (Isaiah 53:10)
- Because of the trouble of his soul he will see, he will be satisfied. By means of his knowledge the righteous one, my servant, will bring a righteous standing to many people, and their errors he himself will bear. (Isaiah 53:11)
- For that reason I shall deal him a portion among the many, and it will be with the mighty ones that he will apportion the spoil, due to the fact that he poured out his soul to the very death, and it was with the transgressors that he was counted in, and he himself carried the very sin of many people, and for the transgressors he proceeded to interpose. (Isaiah 53:12)

•• Hope Of Men Of Ancient Times

- Faithful men of ancient times had the hope of **life**. The apostle Paul points out this fact. He refers back in time to the offspring of Abraham before the Law was given, and he speaks of himself, a Hebrew, as though he were **alive** then, in the sense that he was in the loins of his forefathers.
- He argues;
- In fact, I was once alive apart from Law, but when the commandment arrived, sin came to **life** again, but I died. (**Romans 7:9**)
- And the commandment which was to **life**, this I found to be to death. (**Romans 7:10**)
- And, if I may use the expression, through Abraham even Levi who receives tithes has paid tithes. (**Hebrews 7:9**)
- For he was still in the loins of his forefather when Melchizedek met him. (**Hebrews 7:10**)
- Men like Abel, Enoch, Noah, and Abraham had hope in God. They believed in the **seed** that would bruise the serpents head, which would mean deliverance.
- And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (**Genesis 3:15**)
- And to say; By myself I do swear, is the utterance of Yehowah, that by reason of the fact that you have done this thing and you have not withheld your son, your only one. (**Genesis 22:16**)
- I shall surely bless you and I shall surely multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens and like the grains of sand that are on the seashore, and your seed will take possession of the gate of his enemies. (**Genesis 22:17**)
- And by means of your seed all nations of the earth will certainly bless themselves due to the fact that you have listened to my voice. (**Genesis 22:18**)

- They looked forward to God's Kingdom, the city having real foundations. They believed in a resurrection of the dead to **life**.
- For he was awaiting the city having real foundations, the builder and maker of which city is God. (**Hebrews 11:10**)
- But now they are reaching out for a better place, that is, one belonging to heaven. Hence God is not ashamed of them, to be called upon as their God, for he has made a city ready for them. (**Hebrews 11:16**)
- Women received their dead by resurrection, but other men were tortured because they would not accept release by some ransom, in order, that they might attain a better resurrection. (**Hebrews 11:35**)
- With the giving of the Law, Yehowah stated; You must keep my statutes and my judicial decisions, which if a man will do, he must also live by means of them.
- And you must keep my statutes and my judicial decisions, which if a man will do, he must also live by means of them. I am Yehowah. (**Leviticus 18:5**)
- Doubtless those Israelites receiving the Law hailed it as offering the hope of **life** to them. The Law was holy and righteous and would mark as completely righteous the one who could live up to its standards fully.
- Wherefore, on its part, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. (**Romans 7:12**)
- But, instead of giving **life**, the Law showed all Israel, and mankind in general, to be imperfect and sinners. Furthermore, it condemned the Jews to death.
- Why, then, the Law? It was added to make transgressions manifest, until the seed should arrive to whom the promise had been made, and it was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. (**Galatians 3:19**)
- Now we know that the Law is fine provided one handles it lawfully. (**1 Timothy 1:8**)

- In the knowledge of this fact, that Law is promulgated, not for a righteous man, but for persons lawless and unruly, ungodly and sinners, lacking loving-kindness, and profane, murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, manslayers. (**1 Timothy 1:9**)
- Fornicators, men who lie with males, kidnappers, liars, false swearers, and whatever other thing is in opposition to the healthful teaching. (**1 Timothy 1:10**)
- Truly, as Paul says, when the commandment arrived, sin came to **life** again, but I died. Therefore, life could not come by the Law.
- The apostle argues;
- Is the Law, therefore, against the promises of God? May that never happen! For if a Law had been given that was able to give **life**, righteousness would actually have been by means of law. (**Galatians 3:21**)
- Now, the Jews, being condemned by the Law, were not only shown to be sinners as offspring of Adam but were also under an additional disability.
- For this reason, Christ died on a torture stake, as Paul says: Christ by purchase released us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse instead of us, because it is written:
- Christ by purchase released us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse instead of us, because it is written: Accursed is every man hanged upon a stake. (**Galatians 3:13**)
- By removing this obstacle, namely, the curse brought on the Jews by their breaking of the Law, Jesus Christ removed this barrier to **life** for the Jews, giving them opportunity for **life**. His ransom could thus benefit them as well as others.

· Everlasting Life A Reward From God

- It is evident throughout the Bible that the hope of servants of Yehowah has been to receive everlasting **life** at God's hands. This hope has encouraged them in maintaining faithfulness.
- And it is not a selfish hope. The apostle writes; Moreover, without faith it is impossible to please him well, for he that approaches

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- Moreover, without faith it is impossible to please him well, for he that approaches God must believe that he is and that he becomes the **rewarder** of those earnestly seeking him. (**Hebrews 11:6**)
- He is that kind of God, it is one of the qualities for which he deserves full devotion from his creatures.

·· **Immortality, Incorruption, Divine Life**

- The Bible speaks of Yehowah as having **immortality** and **incorruption**.
- Now to the King of eternity, **incorruptible**, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (**1 Timothy 1:17**)
- He has granted this first to his Son. At the time the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, Christ was the only one who had been given **immortality**. He received this from his father the one alone **having** immortality.
- The one alone having **immortality**, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom not one of men has seen or can see. To him be honor and might everlasting. Amen. (**1 Timothy 6:16**)
- But it is promised to others, those who become Christ's spiritual brothers.
- **Everlasting life** to those who are seeking glory and honor and incorruptibleness by endurance in work that is good. (**Romans 2:7**)
- For this which is **corruptible** must put on **incorruption**, and this which is mortal must put on **immortality**. (**1 Corinthians 15:53**)
- But when this which is **corruptible** puts on **incorruption** and this which is **mortal** puts on **immortality**, then the saying will take place that is written; Death is swallowed up forever. (**1 Corinthians 15:54**)
- Also, these become partakers of divine nature, they share with Christ in his glory.

- **Through these things he has freely given us the precious and very grand promises, that through these you may become sharers in divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world through lust. (2 Peter 1:4)**
- **Angels are spirit creatures, but they are not immortal, for those who become wicked demons will be destroyed.**
- **Then he will say in turn, to those on his left; Be on your way from me, you who have been cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels. (Matthew 25:41)**
- **Now in the synagogue there was a man with a spirit, an unclean demon, and he shouted with a loud voice. (Luke 4:33)**
- **Ah! What have we to do with you, Jesus you Nazarene? Did you come to destroy us? I know exactly who you are, the Holy One of God. (Luke 4:34)**
- **And the Devil who was misleading them was hurled into the lake of fire and sulphur, where both the wild beast and the false prophet already were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (Revelation 20:10)**
- **And death and Hades were hurled into the lake of fire. This means the second death, the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:14)**

See Also IMMORTALITY

See Also INCORRUPTION

•• Earthly Life Without Corruption

- **What about others of mankind who do not receive heavenly life? The apostle John quotes Jesus as saying;**
- **For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, in order, that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)**
- **In his parable of the sheep and the goats, those of the nations separated on Jesus right side as sheep enter into everlasting life.**
- **And these will depart into everlasting cutting-off, but the**

righteous ones into **everlasting life**. (**Matthew 25:46**)

- **Paul speaks of God's sons and joint heirs with Christ and says that the eager expectation of the creation is waiting for the revealing of the sons of God. Then he says, the creation itself also will be set free from enslavement to corruption and have the glorious freedom of the children of God.**
- **For all who are led by God's spirit, these are God's sons. (**Romans 8:14**)**
- **For you did not receive a spirit of slavery causing fear again, but you received a spirit of adoption as sons, by which spirit we cry out; Abba, Father! (**Romans 8:15**)**
- **The spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are God's children. (**Romans 8:16**)**
- **If, then, we are children, we are also heirs. Heirs indeed of God, but joint heirs with Christ, provided we suffer together that we may also be glorified together. (**Romans 8:17**)**
- **Consequently I reckon that the sufferings of the present season do not amount to anything in comparison with the glory that is going to be revealed in us. (**Romans 8:18**)**
- **For the eager expectation of the creation is waiting for the revealing of the sons of God. (**Romans 8:19**)**
- **For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will but through him that subjected it, on the basis of hope. (**Romans 8:20**)**
- **That the creation itself also will be set free from enslavement to corruption and have the glorious freedom of the children of God. (**Romans 8:21**)**
- **For we know that all creation keeps on groaning together and being in pain together until now. (**Romans 8:22**)**
- **Not only that, but we ourselves also who have the firstfruits, namely, the spirit, yes, we ourselves groan within ourselves, while we are earnestly waiting for adoption as sons, the release from our bodies by ransom. (**Romans 8:23**)**

- **Adam when created as a perfect human was a son, or child, of God.**
- **Son of Enosh, son of Seth, son of Adam, son of God. (Luke 3:38)**
- **The prophetic vision of;**
- **And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea is no more. (Revelation 21:1)**
- **I saw also the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God and prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21:2)**
- **With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say; Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his peoples. And God himself will be with them. (Revelation 21:3)**
- **And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. (Revelation 21:4)**
- **Points to the time of a new heaven and a new earth and gives the promise that then death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore.**
- **Since this promise is given, not to spirit creatures, but specifically to mankind, it gives assurance that a new earthly society of humankind living under the new heaven will experience restoration of mind and body to fullness of health and everlasting life as earthly children of God.**
- **In his command to Adam, God implied that if Adam obeyed, he would not die.**
- **But as for the tree of the knowledge of good and bad you must not eat from it, for in the day you eat from it you will positively die. (Genesis 2:17)**

- So with obedient mankind, when man's last enemy, death, is brought to nothing, there will be no sin working in their bodies to bring death. To time indefinite they will not need to die.
- As the last enemy, death is to be brought to nothing. (**1 Corinthians 15:26**)
- This bringing of death to nothing takes place at the end of Christ's reign, which the book of Revelation shows is 1,000 years long. Here it is said of those becoming kings and priests with Christ that they came to **life** and ruled as kings with the Christ for a thousand years.
- The rest of the dead not coming to life until the thousand years were ended must be those **alive** at the end of the thousand years, but before Satan is released from the abyss and brings the decisive test on mankind.
- By the end of the thousand years, people on earth will have reached human perfection, being in the condition that Adam and Eve were in before they sinned.
- Now they will really have life in perfection. Those who thereafter pass the test when Satan is released for a short time from the abyss will be able to enjoy that life forever.
- And I saw thrones, and there were those who sat down on them, and power of judging was given them. Yes, I saw the souls of those executed with the ax for the witness they bore to Jesus and for speaking about God, and those who had worshiped neither the wild beast nor its image and who had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand. And they came to **life** and ruled as kings with the Christ for a thousand years. (**Revelation 20:4**)
- The rest of the dead did not come to **life** until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. (**Revelation 20:5**)
- Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. (**Revelation 20:6**)
- Now as soon as the thousand years have been ended, Satan will be let loose out of his prison. (**Revelation 20:7**)

- And he will go out to mislead those nations in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war. The number of these is as the sand of the sea. (**Revelation 20:8**)
- And they advanced over the breadth of the earth and encircled the camp of the holy ones and the beloved city. But fire came down out of heaven and devoured them. (**Revelation 20:9**)
- And the Devil who was misleading them was hurled into the lake of fire and sulphur, where both the wild beast and the false prophet already were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (**Revelation 20:10**)

•• The Way Of Life

- Yehowah, the Fountain of **life**, has revealed the way of life through his Word of truth. The Lord Jesus Christ shed light upon **life** and **incorruption** through the Good News.
- But now it has been made clearly evident through the manifestation of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has abolished death but has shed light upon **life** and **incorruption** through the Good News. (**2 Timothy 1:10**)
- He told his disciples; It is the **spirit** that is **life-giving**, the flesh is of no use at all. The **sayings that I have spoken** to you are **spirit** and are **life**.
- A little later Jesus asked his apostles whether they were going to leave him, as others had. Peter replied; Lord, whom shall we go away to? You have sayings of **everlasting life**.
- It is the **spirit** that is **life-giving**. The flesh is of no use at all. The sayings that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. (**John 6:63**)
- Owing to this many of his disciples went off to the things behind and would no longer walk with him. (**John 6:66**)
- Therefore Jesus said to the twelve; You do not want to go also, do you? (**John 6:67**)
- Simon Peter answered him; Lord, whom shall we go away to?

You have sayings of **everlasting life**. (John 6:68)

- The apostle John called Jesus the word of **life**, and said; By means of him was **life**.
- That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have viewed attentively and our hands felt, concerning the word of **life**. (1 John 1:1)
- Yes, the **life** was made manifest, and we have seen and are bearing witness and reporting to you the everlasting life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us. (1 John 1:2)
- By means of him was **life**, and the **life** was the light of men. (John 1:4)
- From Jesus words it is evident that human efforts to prolong **life** indefinitely or theories that certain diets or regimens will bring **life** to mankind are futile. At best, they can bring improved health only temporarily. The only way of **life** is obedience to the Good News, the word of **life**.
- Keeping a tight grip on the word of **life**, that I may have cause for exultation in Christ's day, that I did not run in vain or work hard in vain. (Philippians 2:16)
- To get **life**, the individual must keep his mind fixed on the things above, not on the things upon the earth.
- If, however, you were raised up with the Christ, go on seeking the things above, where the Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Colossians 3:1)
- Keep your minds fixed on the things above, not on the things upon the earth. (Colossians 3:2)
- To his hearers Jesus said,
- Most truly I say to you, he that hears my word and believes him that sent me has **everlasting life**, and he does not come into judgment but has passed over from death to life. (John 5:24)
- For this is the will of my Father, that everyone that beholds the Son and exercises faith in him should have **everlasting life**, and I

- will resurrect him at the last day. ([John 6:40](#))
- **They are no longer condemned sinners, in the way of death. The apostle Paul wrote;**
 - **Therefore those in union with Christ Jesus have no condemnation. ([Romans 8:1](#))**
 - **For the Law of that spirit which gives **life** in union with Christ Jesus has set you free from the Law of sin and of death. ([Romans 8:2](#))**
 - **John says that a Christian knows he has passed from death to **life** if he loves his brothers.**
 - **We know we have passed over from death to **life**, because we love the brothers. He who does not love remains in death. ([1 John 3:14](#))**
 - **Since there is not another name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must get saved, the seeker for **life** must follow Christ.**
 - **Furthermore, there is no salvation in anyone else, for there is not another name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must get saved. ([Acts of Apostles 4:12](#))**
 - **Jesus showed that a person must be conscious of his spiritual need, he must hunger and thirst for righteousness.**
 - **Happy are those conscious of their spiritual need, since the kingdom of the heavens belongs to them. ([Matthew 5:3](#))**
 - **Happy are those hungering and thirsting for righteousness, since they will be filled. ([Matthew 5:6](#))**
 - **Not only must he hear the Good News but he must exercise faith in Jesus Christ and through him call on the name of Yehowah.**
 - **For everyone who calls on the name of Yehowah will be saved. ([Romans 10:13](#))**
 - **However, how will they call on him in whom they have not put faith? How, in turn, will they put faith in him of whom they have**

not heard? How, in turn, will they hear without someone to preach? (**Romans 10:14**)

- How, in turn, will they preach unless they have been sent forth? Just as it is written: How comely are the feet of those who declare Good News of good things! (**Romans 10:15**)
- Following Jesus example, he will be baptized in water.
- Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, in order to be baptized by him. (**Matthew 3:13**)
- But the latter tried to prevent him, saying; I am the one needing to be baptized by you, and are you coming to me? (**Matthew 3:14**)
- In reply Jesus said to him; Let it be, this time, for in that way it is suitable for us to carry out all that is righteous. Then he quit preventing him. (**Matthew 3:15**)
- One Lord, one faith, one baptism. (**Ephesians 4:5**)
- He must then keep on seeking the Kingdom and Yehowah's righteousness.
- Keep on, then, seeking first the kingdom and his righteousness, and all these other things will be added to you. (**Matthew 6:33**)

•• Safeguard The Heart

- The person who has become a disciple of Jesus Christ must continue in the way of **life**. He is warned;
- Consequently let him that thinks he is standing beware that he does not fall. (**1 Corinthians 10:12**)
- He is counseled;
- More than all else that is to be guarded, safeguard your **heart**, for out of it are the sources of **life**. (**Proverbs 4:23**)
- Jesus showed that it is from the **heart** that wicked reasonings, adultery, murder, and so forth, emanate. These things would lead to death.

- For example, out of the heart come wicked reasonings, murders, adulteries, fornications, thieveries, false testimonies, blasphemies. (**Matthew 15:19**)
- These are the things defiling a man, but to take a meal with unwashed hands does not defile a man. (**Matthew 15:20**)
- Guarding against such heart reasonings by supplying the heart with **life-giving** spiritual nourishment, the truth from the pure Fountain of life, will keep the heart from going wrong and taking the person out of the way of **life**.
- For the minding of the flesh means death, but the minding of the spirit means **life** and peace. (**Romans 8:6**)

See Also HEART

- In safeguarding one's **life** by guarding the **heart**, the tongue must be controlled.
- Death and **life** are in the power of the tongue, and he that is loving it will eat its fruitage. (**Proverbs 18:21**)
- The reason was explained by Jesus,
- However, the things proceeding out of the mouth come out of the heart, and those things defile a man. (**Matthew 15:18**)
- So, too, the tongue is a little member and yet makes great brags. Look! How little a fire it takes to set so great a woodland on fire! (**James 3:5**)
- Well, the tongue is a fire. The tongue is constituted a world of unrighteousness among our members, for it spots up all the body and sets the wheel of natural **life** aflame and it is set aflame by Gehenna. (**James 3:6**)
- For every species of wild beast as well as bird and creeping thing and sea creature is to be tamed and has been tamed by humankind. (**James 3:7**)
- But the tongue, not one of mankind can get it tamed. An unruly injurious thing, it is full of death-dealing poison. (**James 3:8**)

- **With it we bless Yehowah, even the Father, and yet with it we curse men who have come into existence in the likeness of God. (James 3:9)**
- **Out of the same mouth come forth blessing and cursing. It is not proper, my brothers, for these things to go on occurring this way. (James 3:10)**
- **But by proper use of the tongue to praise God and to speak right things, one continues in the way of **life**.**
- **Who is the man that is delighting in **life**, that is loving enough days to see what is good? (Psalms 34:12)**
- **Safeguard your tongue against what is bad, and your lips against speaking deception. (Psalms 34:13)**
- **Turn away from what is bad, and do what is good, seek to find peace, and pursue it. (Psalms 34:14)**
- **Because your loving-kindness is better than **life**, my own lips will commend you. (Psalms 63:3)**
- **The calmness of the tongue is a tree of **life**, but distortion in it means a breaking down in the spirit. (Proverbs 15:4)**

·· **This Present Life**

- **King Solomon, after trying out everything this **life** has to offer in the way of riches, houses, gardens, and forms of enjoyment, came to the conclusion.**
- **And I hated **life**, because the work that has been done under the sun was calamitous from my standpoint, for everything was vanity and a striving after wind. (Ecclesiastes 2:17)**
- **Solomon did not hate **life** itself, for it is a good gift and perfect present from above.**
- **Every good gift and every perfect present is from above, for it comes down from the Father of the celestial lights, and with him there is not a variation of the turning of the shadow. (James 1:17)**

- **Solomon hated the calamitous, vain **life** that one experiences in living as does the present world of mankind, subject to futility.**
- **For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will but through him that subjected it, on the basis of hope. (**Romans 8:20**)**
- **At the conclusion of his book Solomon gave the exhortation to fear the true God and keep his commandments, which is the way of real **life**.**
- **The conclusion of the matter, everything having been heard, is. Fear the true God and keep his commandments. For this is the whole obligation of man. (**Ecclesiastes 12:13**)**
- **For the true God himself will bring every sort of work into the judgment in relation to every hidden thing, as to whether it is good or bad. (**Ecclesiastes 12:14**)**
- **Safely treasuring up for themselves a fine foundation for the future, in order, that they may get a firm hold on the real **life**. (**1 Timothy 6:19**)**
- **The apostle Paul spoke of himself and fellow Christians, saying that, after their strenuous preaching and bearing witness to Christ and the resurrection in the face of persecution, if in this **life** only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. Why?**
- **Because they would have relied on a false hope. However, Paul continued, now Christ has been raised up from the dead.**
- **If in this **life** only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. (**1 Corinthians 15:19**)**
- **However, now Christ has been raised up from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep in death. (**1 Corinthians 15:20**)**
- **Consequently, my beloved brothers, become steadfast, unmovable, always having plenty to do in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in connection with the Lord. (**1 Corinthians 15:58**)**

•• Trees Of Life

- **Aside from the tree of **life** in Eden.**
- **Thus Yehowah God made to grow out of the ground every tree desirable to ones sight and good for food and also the tree of **life** in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and bad. (**Genesis 2:9**)**
- **Already discussed herein, the expression tree of **life** occurs several other times in the Scriptures, always in a figurative, or symbolic, sense.**
- **Wisdom is called a tree of **life** to those taking hold of it, in that it will supply them with that which they need, not only to enjoy their present life but also to receive eternal life, namely, knowledge of God and the insight and good sense to obey his commands.**
- **It is a tree of **life** to those taking hold of it, and those keeping fast hold of it are to be called happy. (**Proverbs 3:18**)**
- **To its owners insight is a well of **life**, and the discipline of the foolish ones is foolishness. (**Proverbs 16:22**)**
- **The fruitage of the righteous one is a tree of **life**, and he that is winning souls is wise, says another proverb.**
- **The fruitage of the righteous one is a tree of **life**, and he that is winning souls is wise. (**Proverbs 11:30**)**
- **The righteous person, by speech and example, wins souls, that is, by listening to him, persons get spiritual nourishment, are led to serve God, and receive the **life** that God makes possible. Similarly, the calmness of the tongue is a tree of **life**, but distortion in it means a breaking down in the spirit.**
- **The calmness of the tongue is a tree of **life**, but distortion in it means a breaking down in the spirit. (**Proverbs 15:4**)**
- **The calm speech of the wise person helps and refreshes the spirit of those hearing him, nourishing good qualities in them, helping them along the way of **life**, but distortion in the tongue is like bad fruit, it brings trouble and discouragement, damaging those hearing it.**

- **Expectation postponed is making the heart sick, but the thing desired is a tree of **life** when it does come. ([Proverbs 13:12](#))**
- **Reads; Expectation postponed is making the heart sick, but the thing desired is a tree of **life** when it does come. The fulfillment of a long-awaited desire is strengthening and refreshing, giving renewed vigor.**
- **The glorified Jesus Christ promises the conquering Christian that He will grant him to eat of the tree of **life**, which is in the paradise of God.**
- **Let the one who has an ear hear what the spirit says to the congregations; To him that conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of **life**, which is in the paradise of God. ([Revelation 2:7](#))**
- **Again, in the last verses of the book of Revelation, we read;**
- **And if anyone takes anything away from the words of the scroll of this prophecy, God will take his portion away from the trees of **life** and out of the holy city, things which are written about in this scroll. ([Revelation 22:19](#))**
- **In the context of these two Scripture texts, Christ Jesus is speaking to those who are conquerors, who will not be harmed by the second death.**
- **Let the one who has an ear hear what the spirit says to the congregations; He that conquers will by no means be harmed by the second death. ([Revelation 2:11](#))**
- **Who will be given authority over the nations.**
- **And to him that conquers and observes my deeds down to the end I will give authority over the nations. ([Revelation 2:26](#))**
- **Who will be made a pillar in the temple of my God.**
- **The one that conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will by no means go out from it anymore, and I will write upon him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem which descends out of heaven from my God, and that new name of mine. ([Revelation 3:12](#))**

- **And who will sit down with Christ in his heavenly throne.**
- **To the one that conquers I will grant to sit down with me on my throne, even as I conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. (Revelation 3:21)**
- **Therefore the tree or trees could not be literal, for conquerors who eat are those who are partakers of the heavenly calling.**
- **Consequently, holy brothers, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the apostle and High Priest whom we confess, Jesus. (Hebrews 3:1)**
- **With places in heaven reserved for them.**
- **In the house of my Father there are many abodes. Otherwise, I would have told you, because I am going my way to prepare a place for you. (John 14:2)**
- **Also, if I go my way and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you home to myself, that where I am you also may be. (John 14:3)**
- **Forasmuch as his divine power has given us freely all the things that concern life and godly devotion, through the accurate knowledge of the one who called us through glory and virtue. (2 Peter 1:3)**
- **Through these things he has freely given us the precious and very grand promises, that through these you may become sharers in divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world through lust. (2 Peter 1:4)**
- **The tree(s) would therefore be symbolic of God's provision for sustained life, in this case, the heavenly, immortal life that the faithful ones are given as conquerors with Christ.**
- **There is the mention of trees of life in a different context, at;**
- **And he showed me a river of water of life, clear as crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and of the Lamb. (Revelation 22:1)**
- **Down the middle of its broad way. And on this side of the river**

and on that side there were trees of **life** producing twelve crops of fruit, yielding their fruits each month. And the leaves of the trees were for the curing of the nations. (**Revelation 22:2**)

- Here the nations are shown as partaking of the leaves of the trees for healing purposes. They are alongside the river flowing out from the temple-palace of God, in which is his throne. The picture appears after the scene of the establishing of the new heaven and the new earth and the statement that the tent of God is with mankind.
- And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea is no more. (**Revelation 21:1**)
- I saw also the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God and prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (**Revelation 21:2**)
- With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say; Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his peoples. And God himself will be with them. (**Revelation 21:3**)
- And I did not see a temple in it, for Yehowah God the Almighty is its temple, also the Lamb is. (**Revelation 21:22**)
- And the nations will walk by means of its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (**Revelation 21:24**)
- Symbolically, then, these would be curative, **life-sustaining** provisions for humankind, for their eventual **everlasting life**. The source of such provisions is the royal throne of God and of the Lamb Jesus Christ.
- Several references are made to the scroll of **life** or to God's book. It evidently contains the names of all those who, because of their faith, are in line to receive the grant of everlasting life either in heaven or on earth. It contains the names of Yehowah's servants from the founding of the world, that is, the world of redeemable mankind. So righteous Abel's is apparently the first name written on the scroll.
- The wild beast that you saw was, but is not, and yet is about to ascend out of the abyss, and it is to go off into destruction. And when they see how the wild beast was, but is not, and yet will be

present, those who dwell on the earth will wonder admiringly, but their names have not been written upon the scroll of **life** from the founding of the world. (**Revelation 17:8**)

- That there may come upon you all the righteous blood spilled on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. (**Matthew 23:35**)
- So that the blood of all the prophets spilled from the founding of the world may be required from this generation. (**Luke 11:50**)
- From the blood of Abel down to the blood of Zechariah, who was slain between the altar and the house. Yes, I tell you, it will be required from this generation. (**Luke 11:51**)

·· **What Is Signified By Being Written In God's Scroll Of Life**

- The writing of a person's name in the book of **life** does **not** predestine that one to **eternal life**. His names remaining there depends on his obedience. Thus Moses pleaded with Yehowah for Israel,
 - But now if you will pardon their sin, and if not, wipe me out, please, from your book that you have written. (**Exodus 32:32**)
 - However, Yehowah said to Moses; Whoever has sinned against me, I shall wipe him out of my book. (**Exodus 32:33**)
- This indicates that the list of names in the book would undergo changes because of disobedience on the part of some, their names being wiped or blotted out from the book.
 - He that conquers will thus be arrayed in white outer garments, and I will by no means blot out his name from the book of **life**, but I will make acknowledgment of his name before my Father and before his angels. (**Revelation 3:5**)
- **In the judgment scene at;**
 - And I saw a great white throne and the one seated on it. From before him the earth and the heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. (**Revelation 20:11**)
 - And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the

- throne, and scrolls were opened. But another scroll was opened, it is the scroll of **life**. And the dead were judged out of those things written in the scrolls according to their deeds. (**Revelation 20:12**)
- And the sea gave up those dead in it, and death and Hades gave up those dead in them, and they were judged individually according to their deeds. (**Revelation 20:13**)
 - And death and Hades were hurled into the lake of fire. This means the second death, the lake of fire. (**Revelation 20:14**)
 - Furthermore, whoever was not found written in the book of **life** was hurled into the lake of fire. (**Revelation 20:15**)
 - During Christ's Millennial Reign, the scroll of **life** is shown as opened to receive additional names, scrolls of instruction are also opened.
 - Those who come back in the resurrection of the unrighteous will thus have the opportunity of having their names written on the scroll of **life**, provided they obediently perform deeds that are in harmony with the scrolls of instruction.
 - And I have hope toward God, which hope these men themselves also entertain, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous. (**Acts of Apostles 24:15**)
 - Of course, faithful servants of God who come back in the resurrection of the righteous will already have their names in the scroll of **life**. By their loyal obedience to the divine instructions, they will **keep** their names in it.
 - How does a person get his name **permanently** retained in the book of **life**? For those who are in line to receive heavenly life, it is by conquering this world through faith, proving themselves faithful even to death.
 - Do not be afraid of the things you are about to suffer. Look! The Devil will keep on throwing some of you into prison that you may be fully put to the test, and that you may have tribulation ten days. Prove yourself faithful even to death, and I will give you the crown of **life**. (**Revelation 2:10**)

- He that conquers will thus be arrayed in white outer garments, and I will by no means blot out his name from the book of **life**, but I will make acknowledgment of his name before my Father and before his angels. (**Revelation 3:5**)
- For those who are in line to receive **life** on earth, it is by proving loyal to Yehowah through a final, decisive test at the end of Christ's Millennial Reign.
- Now as soon as the thousand years have been ended, Satan will be let loose out of his prison. (**Revelation 20:7**)
- And he will go out to mislead those nations in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war. The number of these is as the sand of the sea. (**Revelation 20:8**)
- Those who maintain integrity through that final test will have their names retained permanently by God in the book of **life**, Yehowah thus acknowledging that they are righteous in the complete sense and worthy of the right to everlasting life on earth.
- Who will file accusation against God's chosen ones? God is the One who declares them righteous. (**Romans 8:33**)

•• The Lamb's Scroll

- The scroll of **life** of the Lamb is a separate scroll, apparently containing only the names of those with whom the Lamb, Jesus Christ, shares his Kingdom rule, including those still on earth who are in line to receive heavenly life.
- And all those who dwell on the earth will worship it, the name of not one of them stands written in the scroll of **life** of the Lamb who was slaughtered, from the founding of the world. (**Revelation 13:8**)
- And I saw, and, look! The Lamb standing upon the Mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand having his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads. (**Revelation 14:1**)
- These are the ones that did not defile themselves with women, in fact, they are virgins. These are the ones that keep following the Lamb no matter where he goes. These were bought from among

mankind as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. (**Revelation 14:4**)

- Those enrolled in the Lambs scroll are spoken of as entering the holy city, New Jerusalem, thus becoming part of the heavenly Messianic Kingdom.
- I saw also the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God and prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (**Revelation 21:2**)
- And I did not see a temple in it, for Yehowah God the Almighty is its temple, also the Lamb is. (**Revelation 21:22**)
- And the city has no need of the sun nor of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God lighted it up, and its lamp was the Lamb. (**Revelation 21:23**)
- And the nations will walk by means of its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (**Revelation 21:24**)
- And its gates will not be closed at all by day, for night will not exist there. (**Revelation 21:25**)
- And they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. (**Revelation 21:26**)
- But anything not sacred and anyone that carries on a disgusting thing and a lie will in no way enter into it, only those written in the Lambs scroll of **life** will. (**Revelation 21:27**)
- Their names are written both in the Lambs scroll and in the other scroll, God's book of **life**.
- Yes, I request you too, genuine yokefellow, keep assisting these women who have striven side by side with me in the Good News along with Clement as well as the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of **life**. (**Philippians 4:3**)
- He that conquers will thus be arrayed in white outer garments, and I will by no means blot out his name from the book of **life**, but I will make acknowledgment of his name before my Father and before his angels. (**Revelation 3:5**)

•• **River Of Water Of Life**

- In John's vision in the book of Revelation, he saw a river of water of **life**, clear as crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the broad way of the holy city, New Jerusalem.

- And he showed me a river of water of **life**, clear as crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and of the Lamb. (**Revelation 22:1**)

- Down the middle of its broad way. And on this side of the river and on that side there were trees of **life** producing twelve crops of fruit, yielding their fruits each month. And the leaves of the trees were for the curing of the nations. (**Revelation 22:2**)

- I saw also the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God and prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (**Revelation 21:2**)

- Water is essential for **life**. The time setting given in the vision is after the establishment of a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away.

- And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea is no more. (**Revelation 21:1**)

- The context places the flowing of this river after the destruction of the present system of things. The vision speaks of trees alongside the river producing fruit, and of leaves for the curing of the nations.

- The **life-giving** waters, then, would be the provisions for life that Yehowah has made through the Lamb, Jesus Christ, for all on earth who will receive **life**.

- After reporting other details of the inspired revelation, John wrote; The spirit and the bride keep on saying; Come! And he commanded anyone hearing to say; Come! Then extending the invitation to anyone thirsting to take **lives** water free.

- Even before the end of the present wicked system of things the spirit and the bride invite persons to **begin** drinking of God's provisions for gaining **eternal life** through the Lamb of God.

- **Such invited ones also can anticipate drinking from the river of water of life in such a way that they will experience complete healing under the ministrations of the Lamb and his bride after the old system has been destroyed.**

- **And the spirit and the bride keep on saying; Come! And let anyone hearing say; Come! And let anyone thirsting come, let anyone that wishes take **lives** water free. (Revelation 22:17)**

·· **Life's Moisture**

- **Happy is the one whose revolt is pardoned, whose sin is covered. (Psalms 32:1)**

- **Happy is the man to whose account Yehowah does not put error, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. (Psalms 32:2)**

- **When I kept silent my bones wore out through my groaning all day long. (Psalms 32:3)**

- **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me. My **lives moisture** has been changed as in the dry heat of summer. (Psalms 32:4)**

- **My sin I finally confessed to you, and my error I did not cover. I said; I shall make confession over my transgressions to Yehowah. And you yourself pardoned the error of my sins. (Psalms 32:5)**

- **David shows the happiness that attends forgiveness, though he also reveals the distress experienced before making confession of transgressing to Yehowah and receiving God's pardon.**

- **Prior to confessing and while trying to conceal his error, the psalmist is conscience stricken and says; My **lives moisture** has been changed as in the dry heat of summer.**

- **Attempted repression of a guilty conscience wore him out, and anguish reduced his vigor just as a tree might lose **life-giving** moisture during a drought or in summers intense dry heat.**

- **David's words seem to indicate that he experienced ill effects both mentally and physically, or had at least lost most of his joy of **life**,**

because of failure to confess his sin. Only confession to Yehowah could bring pardon and relief.

- He that is covering over his transgressions will not succeed, but he that is confessing and leaving them will be shown mercy. (**Proverbs 28:13**)

•• The Bag Of Life

- When Abigail appealed to David to turn back from his mission of vengeance upon Nabal, thereby restraining him from entering into bloodguilt, she said,
- When man rises up to pursue you and look for your soul, the soul of my lord will certainly prove to be wrapped up in the bag of **life** with Yehowah your God, but, as for the soul of your enemies, he will sling it forth as from inside the hollow of the sling. (**1 Samuel 25:29**)
- And it must occur that, because Yehowah will do to my lord the good toward you according to all that he has spoken, he certainly will commission you as leader over Israel. (**1 Samuel 25:30**)
- And let this not become to you a cause for staggering or a stumbling block to the heart of my lord, both by the shedding of blood without cause and by having the hand of my lord itself come to his salvation. And Yehowah will certainly do good to my lord, and you must remember your slave girl. (**1 Samuel 25:31**)
- At this David said to Abigail; Blessed be Yehowah the God of Israel, who has sent you this day to meet me! (**1 Samuel 25:32**)
- And blessed be your sensibleness, and blessed be you who have restrained me this day from entering into bloodguilt and having my own hand come to my salvation. (**1 Samuel 25:33**)
- Just as a person wraps up something valuable to protect and preserve it, so David's **life** as an individual was in the hands of the living God, and He would preserve David's **life** from his enemies, as long as David did not try to bring his salvation by his own hand, but waited on Yehowah. However, the soul of David's enemies God would throw away.