

Cornerstone
Sunday AM, July 25, 2021
The Promise to You

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Deuteronomy 30:9–20 The LORD your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For the LORD will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers, ¹⁰ if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, *and* if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ “For this commandment which I command you today *is not too* mysterious for you, nor *is* it far off. ¹² *It is* not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ ¹³ Nor *is* it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ ¹⁴ But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, ¹⁶ in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess.

¹⁷ But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong *your* days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; ²⁰ that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

That's what God spoke to the people; "...therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

Choose Life! The **BEHAVIOR** we choose determines the **LIFE** we live, and also contributes to the **death** we die!

- **Selfish** behavior...selfish life...selfish death
- **Godly** behavior...godly life...godly death
- **Sacrificial** behavior...sacrificial life...sacrificial death
- **Renown** behavior...renown life...renown death
- **Sinful** behavior...sinful life...sinful death
- **Inspiring** behavior...inspiring life...inspiring death
- **Selfless** behavior...selfless life...selfless death.
- **Faith** behavior...faith life...faith death

Stop and think...this is what we have all seen and heard, in our lives, in all the old stories...in all the new stories!

There is nothing relative about a life; it is either about God or about the person themselves...there is no middle ground!

This is especially true in the area of a faith life...if a person is truly living a life in faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, their behavior will reflect that faith. Their life will be one of faith; their death one that reflects that faith, whether by accident, war, bravery, illness or peacefully passing away...the overall effect will be one of faith!

When a person changes their faith object, from self to God for example, their behavior changes due to their changed heart. The "tone" of their life changes to reflect their faith...their death reflects their faith. They reflect the glory of God!

When a person changes their faith object from God to self, their behavior also changes due to *their* changed heart! The "tone" of their life ALSO changes, reflecting their "faith"...their death reflects their "faith"...they reflect themselves as selfish, small and lost!!!

How does this work out in practical terms? Look at this...

Deuteronomy 31:1–6 Then Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel. ² And he said to them: “I *am* one hundred and twenty years old today. I can no longer go out and come in. Also the LORD has said to me, ‘You shall not cross over this Jordan.’ ³ The LORD your

God Himself crosses over before you; He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua himself crosses over before you, just as the LORD has said. ⁴ And the LORD will do to them as He did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites and their land, when He destroyed them. ⁵ The LORD will give them over to you, that you may do to them according to every commandment which I have commanded you. ⁶ Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. **He will not leave you nor forsake you.**”

Hebrews 13:5–6 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶ So we may boldly say:

“The LORD is my helper;

I will not fear.

What can man do to me?”

How should you live?

- Be **strong**.
- Be of **good courage**.
- Be **content** with what you have.
- **He** will not leave you nor forsake you.”
- **I** [the Lord Himself] will never **leave** you nor **forsake** you.”

Amen!

Deuteronomy 30:9–20

That's what God spoke to the people; "...therefore _____, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may _____ to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days...."

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Deuteronomy 31:1–6 Hebrews 13:5–6

- Be _____.
- Be of _____.
- Be _____ with what you have.
- "_____ will not leave you nor forsake you."
- "I [the Lord Himself] will never _____ you nor _____ you."