

“Choose Life”

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Deuteronomy 30:15-16

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to Him, and to keep His commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

Death and destruction come upon people when they depart from God’s Word.

Life and prosperity are given to people when they walk in obedience to God’s Word.

What kind of prosperity is promised to those who love God?

Deuteronomy 30:17-18

But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

This warning shows: God is concerned about the condition of His people’s hearts.

The First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to His voice, and hold fast to Him. For the Lord is your life, and He will give you many years in the land He swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

In response to the Lord graciously choosing His people, we are called to choose life, which is a gift from His hand.

How does this relate to Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 5:21-37?

Does Jesus make the Ten Commandments easier or more difficult to keep? Why?

“The Lord is your life” means He is the One who gives you life, saves your life, and fills your life with His very presence!