

A Life Worth Living

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GOAL: That we, followers of the WAY, the truth and the life would live the life God intended; the life made available through Christ.

PURPOSE: To understand and appropriate the abundant life our creator has made available to us through Jesus Christ.

SERIES OUTCOME: At the conclusion of this series the active listener should have a scriptural foundation of:

1. What life is not.
2. What life is and how true life begins.
3. What it means to be alive.
4. How we now live life.
5. When life ends.

AIM: Through a systematic study of the scriptures we are going to examine God's Word in order to understand from His perspective what it means for us to live life on earth.

MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT: Peace

Perhaps one of the most difficult questions we grapple with as individuals in our lives center around "Who am I?" "Why am I here?" "What is the purpose of this life?" These are foundational questions that center around the heart of our existence in our brief lives here on earth. A failure to answer these questions adequately most surely leads to a breakdown in ones life, exemplified in personal crisis manifesting out time and again into one or more areas of life on earth.

"Who am I?"

"Why am I here?"

"What is the purpose of this life?"

In a world of pain and suffering, surrounded by inequalities and misery how do you begin to answer these questions. For the seeker of truth the path would lead back to our creator. He being the one that made us, He would know the answers to the most pressing questions of our existence.

NOTE: God, knowing that man through out the ages would struggle to understand the pressing issues of his existence, effectively being born with amnesia when he started his life in the earth, gave us his written Word as a roadmap. However, it is the Holy Spirit of God that shines the light on that map so that we can see what it actually says. Without the illumination of the Holy Spirit it is impossible to begin to understand what the Lord is saying or to Know anything of value.

Joh 16:13 Howbeit¹¹⁶¹ when³⁷⁵² he,¹⁵⁶⁵ the³⁵⁸⁸ Spirit⁴¹⁵¹ of truth,²²⁵ is come,²⁰⁶⁴ he will guide³⁵⁹⁴ you⁵²⁰⁹ into¹⁵¹⁹ all³⁹⁵⁶ truth:²²⁵ for¹⁰⁶³ he shall not³⁷⁵⁶ speak²⁹⁸⁰ of⁵⁷⁵ himself;¹⁴³⁸ but²³⁵ whatsoever^{3745, 302} he shall hear,¹⁹¹ that shall he speak:²⁹⁸⁰ and²⁵³² he will show³¹² you⁵²¹³ things to come.²⁰⁶⁴

Pro 9:10 The fear³³⁷⁴ of the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ is the beginning⁸⁴⁶² of wisdom:²⁴⁵¹ and the knowledge¹⁸⁴⁷ of the holy⁶⁹¹⁸ is understanding.⁹⁹⁸

That word Fear:

H3374

יראה

yir'âh

yir-aw'

Feminine of H3373; *fear* (also used as infinitive); morally *reverence*: - X dreadful, X exceedingly, fear (-fulness).

SO it is only the Holy Spirit that can make the truth known to you. Ask Him right now before you proceed any further in prayer to do so . . .

"Father, I ask that Your Holy Spirit would make known the truth of Your word to me. Draw me unto yourself as Jesus is lifted up. Amen"

Good. Let's begin :-)

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PART 1

What life is not.

To begin we will first look at what true life is not, because this paradigm is what most see and face daily. The illusion is the invasive reality you are born into. We do see a dichotomy in Scripture. A war between light and dark, good and evil, right and wrong, truth and the lie. In effect, two systems: The kingdom of this world & the Kingdom of God (Yahweh). There is no reconciliation between these kingdoms, there is no truce that can be made.

1Jo 2:15 Love²⁵ not³³⁶¹ the³⁵⁸⁸ world,²⁸⁸⁹ neither³³⁶⁶ the things³⁵⁸⁸ that are in¹⁷²² the³⁵⁸⁸ world.²⁸⁸⁹ If¹⁴³⁷ any man⁵¹⁰⁰ love²⁵ the³⁵⁸⁸ world,²⁸⁸⁹ the³⁵⁸⁸ love²⁶ of the³⁵⁸⁸ Father³⁹⁶² is²⁰⁷⁶ not³⁷⁵⁶ in¹⁷²² him.⁸⁴⁶

Mat 6:24 No man³⁷⁶² can¹⁴¹⁰ serve¹³⁹⁸ two¹⁴¹⁷ masters:²⁹⁶² for¹⁰⁶³ either²²²⁸ he will hate³⁴⁰⁴ the³⁵⁸⁸ one,¹⁵²⁰ and²⁵³² love²⁵ the³⁵⁸⁸ other;²⁰⁸⁷ or²²²⁸ else he will hold⁴⁷² to the one,¹⁵²⁰ and²⁵³² despise²⁷⁰⁶ the³⁵⁸⁸ other.²⁰⁸⁷ Ye cannot^{1410, 3756} serve¹³⁹⁸ God²³¹⁶ and²⁵³² mammon.³¹²⁶

The Father and His word are very clear about the polarity of our conflict, just so we are not confused about it. For those who belong to Him it is no surprise that they are hated of the world. Personally, I'd rather know what I'm up against than to live in ignorance kicked around by a system that hates the Spirit of God that lives in me.

Joh 15:19 If¹⁴⁸⁷ ye were²²⁵⁸ of¹⁵³⁷ the³⁵⁸⁸ world,²⁸⁸⁹ the³⁵⁸⁸ world²⁸⁸⁹ would love^{5368, 302} his own:²³⁹⁸ but¹¹⁶¹ because³⁷⁵⁴ ye are²⁰⁷⁵ not³⁷⁵⁶ of¹⁵³⁷ the³⁵⁸⁸ world,²⁸⁸⁹ but²³⁵ I¹⁴⁷³ have chosen¹⁵⁸⁶ you⁵²⁰⁹ out of¹⁵³⁷ the³⁵⁸⁸ world,²⁸⁸⁹ therefore^{1223, 5124} the³⁵⁸⁸ world²⁸⁸⁹ hateth³⁴⁰⁴ you.⁵²⁰⁹

Now, the reality of two systems is present. They both make you an offer. Your eternal soul lays in the balance based on the decision of your free will. Yes, your free will. God gave us free will and allows to make choices, you just can't choose the consequences. YES, you get to make a choice. So let's see what is offered and what is required. For the sake of time let's cut to the chase. The ultimate offer from the prince of this world to the most sought after participant in his system that he could have wanted:

Mat 4:8 Again,³⁸²⁵ the³⁵⁸⁸ devil¹²²⁸ taketh him up^{3880, 846} into¹⁵¹⁹ an exceeding³⁰²⁹ high⁵³⁰⁸ mountain,³⁷³⁵ and²⁵³² showeth¹¹⁶⁶ him⁸⁴⁶ all³⁹⁵⁶ the³⁵⁸⁸ kingdoms⁹³² of the³⁵⁸⁸ world,²⁸⁸⁹ and²⁵³² the³⁵⁸⁸ glory¹³⁹¹ of them;⁸⁴⁶

Mat 4:9 And²⁵³² saith³⁰⁰⁴ unto him,⁸⁴⁶ All³⁹⁵⁶ these things⁵⁰²³ will I give¹³²⁵ thee,⁴⁶⁷¹ if¹⁴³⁷ thou wilt fall down⁴⁰⁹⁸ and worship⁴³⁵² me.³⁴²⁷

Mat 4:10 Then⁵¹¹⁹ saith³⁰⁰⁴ Jesus²⁴²⁴ unto him,⁸⁴⁶ Get thee hence,⁵²¹⁷ Satan:⁴⁵⁶⁷ for¹⁰⁶³ it is written,¹¹²⁵ Thou shalt worship⁴³⁵² the Lord²⁹⁶² thy⁴⁶⁷⁵ God,²³¹⁶ and²⁵³² him⁸⁴⁶ only³⁴⁴¹ shalt thou serve.³⁰⁰⁰

What is the offer? Everything that this world has to give. At aspirations and the pursuits of the men of this world: fame, fortune, pleasures, power, position, possession, all of it. In exchange for his soul, his allegiance, his reverence. Instant success, instant results. The fast track to the top. Don't just be in the world system, go straight to the

top. Be the big dog. A legitimate offer . . . for a limited time. Again, every offer of the world is temporal. It is fleeting, it does not last. At best it is a temporary fulfillment at the cost of every eternal element of your being.

You are born as a slave to the system of the world. Born as a slave to sin. Born with a predisposition, not only to take the offer given by the devil but at a much lower rate. Of a truth, the souls of men are bought and sold cheap on the global market. They power the system of the world towards its own rising, only to in the future be struck down in God's time when the light of Truth comes to bare on the darkness.

So what is the life the world offers to you? A temporary fix, based on the carnality of your own flesh. Your desires ingrained in your fallen flesh are the leverage point for the world and Satan's appeal. The offer: Sex, power, money. To be someone. Security, position. A name. Be a mover and shaker. Make things good. "Do what thou wilt." Is the creed of the Satanic. Because they know very well the truth of the Scripture.

Pro 14:12 There is³⁴²⁶ a way¹⁸⁷⁰ which seemeth right³⁴⁷⁷ unto⁶⁴⁴⁰ a man,³⁷⁶ but the end³¹⁹ thereof *are* the ways¹⁸⁷⁰ of death.⁴¹⁹⁴

Left to our own devices and own carnally made choices, Man will surely destroy himself. Every choice made by man apart from God leads to death.

Rom 6:23 For¹⁰⁶³ the³⁵⁸⁸ wages³⁸⁰⁰ of sin²⁶⁶ is death,²²⁸⁸ but¹¹⁶¹ the³⁵⁸⁸ gift⁵⁴⁸⁶ of God²³¹⁶ is eternal¹⁶⁶ life²²²² through¹⁷²² Jesus²⁴²⁴ Christ⁵⁵⁴⁷ our²²⁵⁷ Lord.²⁹⁶²

Whenever man sins, something dies. Instant payment as well as a delayed guaranteed "bonus" at the end. Dreams die. Hopes die. The physical body dies. Something dies instantly when we transgress against a Holy God.

Perhaps this pervasive death is why Man is so bent on distractions. So given to filling His life with meaningless activity to anesthetize himself to his horrible rotting spiritual condition. If you are honest about it, your job would probably not miss you if disappeared. Oh, sure, there would be a bit of a hiccup, but in a few weeks they would carry on without you. And what do these jobs do in the world? Honesty again, most of them do little more than move the furniture around on the deck of a sinking ship. Endless meetings that go nowhere, produce nothing, bound up in this temporary reality. Yes, man is bent on distraction. Check your brains at the door with drugs, alcohol, sex, television, movies, travel, getting new expensive toys for the adult adolescent. NEVER deal with the reality that you are in fact lost, alone, helpless, and in need. But of what? Why time and again will the rich of this world blow their brains out with a shotgun or jump off a building to their death. Because, they believed like the rest that the path of wealth would bring fulfillment. When they find that it has not, they can't stand the illusion being shattered. The distractions no longer work. They must do away with their miserable life. Make the pain stop. Please, stop the pain.

What is the best that this world has to offer? An illusion. And it's not real, because it is all temporary. Every offer of the world has time stamped on it. It does not last. But above this keep in mind who it is that makes the offer from the world. The prince of this world, Lucifer, Satan, the thief, the fallen one, who effectively works to remain hidden until opportune times.

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That word destroy:

G622

ἀπόλλυμι

apollumi

ap-ol'-loo-mee

From G575 and the base of G3639; to *destroy* fully (reflexively to *perish*, or *lose*), literally or figuratively: - destroy, die, lose, mar, perish.

The offers the world system (the devil) makes ultimately result in the desired goal of the system and its engineers. Though it seems like something to your benefit, the end result is being robbed, killed and fully destroyed. Like my father says "Welcome to the world."

The best offer the world has, the top offer of a life is in exchange for your eternal soul you get to be a part of the illusionary system. You get to be somebody in the illusion. And in order to truly make a name for yourself in that system you must play by the established rules of the game. The higher you would go, the greater your slavery to the system at enmity with God. You are granted temporary relief, followed by pain and meaningless suffering in this life and eternal separation from the God who loves you. And it was your choice.

If however, you are not satisfied with the world. If what you would have it the life that God has for you; if you will seek this with your whole heart you will surely find it. And God will find you.

Luk 11:9 And I²⁵⁰⁴ say³⁰⁰⁴ unto you,⁵²¹³ Ask,¹⁵⁴ and²⁵³² it shall be given¹³²⁵ you;⁵²¹³ seek,²²¹² and²⁵³² ye shall find;²¹⁴⁷ knock,²⁹²⁵ and²⁵³² it shall be opened⁴⁵⁵ unto you.⁵²¹³

Luk 11:10 For¹⁰⁶³ every one³⁹⁵⁶ that asketh¹⁵⁴ receiveth;²⁹⁸³ and²⁵³² he that seeketh²²¹² findeth;²¹⁴⁷ and²⁵³² to him that knocketh²⁹²⁵ it shall be opened.⁴⁵⁵

Luk 11:11 If⁽¹¹⁶¹⁾ a son⁵²⁰⁷ shall ask¹⁵⁴ bread⁷⁴⁰ of any⁵¹⁰¹ of you⁵²¹⁶ that is a father,³⁹⁶² will he⁽³³⁶¹⁾ give¹⁹²⁹ him⁸⁴⁶ a stone?³⁰³⁷ or²⁵³² if¹⁴⁸⁷ he ask a fish,²⁴⁸⁶ will⁽³³⁶¹⁾ he for⁴⁷³ a fish²⁴⁸⁶ give¹⁹²⁹ him⁸⁴⁶ a serpent?³⁷⁸⁹

Luk 11:12 Or^{2228 (2532)} if¹⁴³⁷ he shall ask¹⁵⁴ an egg,⁵⁶⁰⁹ will he⁽³³⁶¹⁾ offer¹⁹²⁹ him⁸⁴⁶ a scorpion?⁴⁶⁵¹

Luk 11:13 If¹⁴⁸⁷ ye⁵²¹⁰ then,³⁷⁶⁷ being⁵²²⁵ evil,⁴¹⁹⁰ know¹⁴⁹² how to give¹³²⁵ good¹⁸ gifts¹³⁹⁰ unto your⁵²¹⁶ children:⁵⁰⁴³ how much⁴²¹⁴ more³¹²³ shall *your* heavenly^{1537, 3772} Father³⁹⁶² give¹³²⁵ the Holy⁴⁰ Spirit⁴¹⁵¹ to them that ask¹⁵⁴ him?⁸⁴⁶