The Promise of a Long Life Sunday March 24, 2024 Dr. Pete Norris

And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years. (Genesis 6:3 KJV)

This statement was made under Judgement. This man was under Judgment. Moses was 120. Abraham lived to 175.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. **(Psalms 90:10 KJV)**

For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled. Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. (Psalms 90:7, 8 KJV)

This was before Jesus died. They were living under that anger.

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. **(Psalms 90:9, 10 KJV)**

Who knows the power of Your anger? [Who worthily connects this brevity of life with Your recognition of sin?] And Your wrath, who connects it with the reverent and worshipful fear that is due You? (Psalm 90:11 AMP)

Then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." (Hebrews 10:17 NKJV)

"For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; For as I have sworn That the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, So have I sworn That I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. (Isaiah 54:9 NKJV)

With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; But with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you," Says the Lord, your Redeemer. (Isaiah 54:8 NKJV)

And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,' says the Lord God." (Ezekiel 39:29 NKJV)

Isaiah 53 comes before Isaiah 54. Jesus died for our sins in **Isaiah 53.**

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Peter 5:8 NKJV)

If everybody could be devoured, then he wouldn't be looking for.

The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion, But his favor is like dew on the grass. (**Proverbs 19:12 NKJV**)

King is Jesus.

And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand. So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. And He said to the man who had the withered hand, "Step forward." Then He said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they kept silent. And when He had looked around at them with anger, being **grieved** by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other. Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him. **(Mark 3:1-6 NKJV)**

This is the only time in the Bible that Jesus is mentioned in anger. Matt. 21:12-13, Mark 11:15-18, Luke 19:45-48, John 2:13-17. Isaiah 56:7.

And do not **grieve** the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. **(Ephesians 4:30 NKJV)**

The Word "grieved" in Mark 3:5 is the same Greek Word in Ephesians 4:30.

How do we grieve the Holy Spirit?

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Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. **(Ephesians 4:29-32 NKJV)**

When you don't speak Grace, you grieve the Holy Spirit.

Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten." (Genesis 18:32 NKJV)

What was God looking for in Sodom righteousness or sin?

Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village.

(Luke 9:51-56 NKJV)

So Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." And fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifties. So Elijah answered and said to them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." And the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty. (II Kings 1:10, 12 NKJV)

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. (Romans 5:9 NKJV)

And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. (I Thessalonians 1:10 NKJV)

With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation." (Psalms 91:16 NKJV)