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Choosing Life



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Through the Psalms
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> I will not die but live,
> and will proclaim what the LORD has done.
> (Psalm 118:17)

Our attitude toward life needs to be totally positive. We cannot afford to be in any way negative or pessimistic or death-oriented. How many people yield to the pressure of some situation and exclaim, "I wish I were dead!" Little do they realize that this death wish opens the way for all sorts of dark, negative forces to come swarming into their minds, and eventually to take over their personalities. What began as an idle, thoughtless reaction to a passing pressure can end as tragic reality.

In Deuteronomy 30:19 Moses confronts the Israelites with this very issue: "This day . . . I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live. . . ." How many of us realize that life requires a choice on our part? We are not free to submit to circumstances with passive indifference and say, "What comes will come." God sets a choice before us: on the one hand, life and blessings; on the other hand, death and curses. We cannot evade the issue. Not to choose is to make the wrong choice.

The choice we make will affect not only ourselves, but also our descendants. Choosing life releases a stream that will flow down to succeeding generations.

Jesus said: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). To whom shall we yield – to Jesus or to the thief?

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