

BOOK OF PROVERBS - X

Length of Days and Long Life

I. PROMISE OF LONG LIFE

- A. Eph. 6:2-3 - *"Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."*
- B. Ps. 91:16 - *"With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."*

II. WHAT BRINGS LIFE?

- A. Wisdom and understanding
 - 1. Pr. 3:13,16 - *"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding...Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour."*
 - 2. Pr. 13:14 - *"Law of the wise is a fountain of life."*
- B. The Word of God
 - 1. Pr. 3:1-2 - *"My son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments; for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee."*
 - 2. Pr. 4:10 - *"Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many."*
 - 3. Pr. 4:20-22 - *"My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh."*
- C. Fear of the Lord
 - 1. Pr. 19:23 - *"Fear of the Lord tendeth to life."*
 - 2. Pr. 10:27 - *"Fear of the Lord prolongeth days."*
 - 3. Pr. 9:10-11 - *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased."*

III. THE TREE OF LIFE

- A. In the garden of Eden - Gen. 2:8-9 - *"And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and thee he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil."*
- B. In the book of Revelation - Rev. 22:1-2 - *"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was thee the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."*
- C. What is the tree of life?

1. Pr. 3:13, 18 - *Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding...She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her."*
2. Pr. 11:30 - *"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."*
3. A wholesome tongue
 - a. Pr. 15:4 - *"A wholesome tongue is a tree of life."*
 - b. Pr. 18:21 - *"Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."*
 - c. I Pet. 3:10 - *"He that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile."*