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Fear of YHWH — Length of Days

In Pr 10:27 — this is talking about those in the Body of Messiah, not in the world, but those in the Body — *"The fear of YHWH prolongs life"* — extends life, adds years, adds length to life. The wicked here are those who do not fear YHWH. *"The years of the wicked are cut short."* This is talking about in the Body, in Israel, it is not talking about in the world — it is applied to us. The years of the wicked are cut short — the years of those who do not fear Him. If we fear Him, we will submit our will to the will of one another. Eph 5:21 — If we fear, we submit to one another. The fear of YHWH is the beginning of wisdom. It is just the beginning. If someone does not fear YHWH, he is not wise, but the fear of YHWH is the beginning of wisdom. Even the benefits of wisdom mentioned in Pr 3:1, *"My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity,"* are for those who have the fear of YHWH. If we do, we will not forget His teachings.

Pr 19:23 — *"The fear of YHWH leads to life"* — it gives life, it prolongs your life, it gives you vitality in your life — there is nothing that disturbs your peace, meaning there is no guilt. *"Then one rests content, untouched by trouble."* It is like the commandment with a promise, *"Honor your father and mother that your days may be prolonged on the earth."* Your days will be prolonged because it does something within you. If a person in the Old Testament died before 110 he was considered cursed in a certain way. But this is talking about prolonging your life.

Those who have been forgiven are our Master's seed. And He will prolong His seed's life and then the will of YHWH will prosper in His seed's hand (Isa 53:10,11). Those who are the offspring of His death and His atonement will be a generation that will be prolonged, will not see death until all things are fulfilled (Mt 24:34). It says that generation will be prolonged.

So it is guilt that robs us of our life — not having fear of YHWH. If we have the proper fear, that solves the problem. The problem is that we do not fear properly; we do not have the

reverence that we need. Our actions stem from not having the proper reverence for and fear of our Master — about our waywardness, what we do in secret when no one is around, the things we do in darkness (Eccl 12:13,14). The reason that the first commandment with a promise says to honor your father and mother so that your days will be prolonged on the earth is because it does something to your body chemistry that ensures that you will live a long life. That is talking about people in the edah, not in the world, because the direct commandment there is not to the world. (However, people in the world have the natural law, so they also know they should honor their parents.)

We can see that in 1 Kings 3:10 it is speaking about Solomon. YHWH was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. In verse 7-8 Solomon says, "*...I'm only a little child, [he did not think highly of himself]... So, give your servant a discerning heart...*" (verse 9). And YHWH, pleased that Solomon asked for this, said, "*I will do what you have asked... Moreover I will give you what you have not asked for... and if you walk in my ways and obey my statutes as your father David did, I will give you a long life.*"

As we read in the Proverbs, the fear of YHWH brings health to the body. Read Pr 3:7. Fear YHWH and shun evil — these two things go together — and this will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. This is talking about long life. If your bones do not get nourished, they start breaking down as you get older (physically). Bones are very important in the structure of your body. And then, verse 5 says, "*Trust in YHWH with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.*" If you do lean on your own understanding, it means you are in the flesh and because you are in the flesh, you do not fear. Many people will be this way in the last days and they will fall away. They will lean on their own understanding. "*In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path.*" You can be led by the spirit if you do that.

So we know that when Solomon prayed for wisdom, our Father promised him riches as well as long life — if he obeyed the commandments (1 Kings 3:14). Therefore there was a stipulation there. We know, of course, that Solomon did not remain obedient as his father David had, to that covenant that he made, so we know that he did not live much more than 60 years.

That is something that really came about, and this makes us fear YHWH. If it does not make you fear YHWH, then of course you will not have a long life. We need to fear His word. 1 Kings 11:6 — "*Solomon did evil in the eyes of YHWH, he did not follow YHWH completely, as his father David did.*" So therefore Solomon did not have a prolonged life.

In Gen 50:26 — "*Joseph died at the age of 110...*" Did he fear YHWH? Did you ever read about what happened to him in prison? Gen 50:22 — "*Joseph... lived 110 years and saw the third generation of Ephriam's children.*" 110 years of age was considered an ideal life span. Especially in Egypt, he would have been thought to be under a curse if he did not live until 110. That was the normal life span for those people, and it still is today. It is the normal life span of people. If we do not live to be 110, it is considered that something is wrong — unless our Father did a sovereign thing and took our life for some reason. We should live to be 110, especially in the last generation. Joshua was 110; Moses was 120; Noah, Abraham, all lived a long time.

So if we have fear of YHWH, and we eat the proper food and drink the proper water, supplying our bodies with the necessary things, fearing YHWH, obeying the word. If you fear YHWH you will obey the word — then you will live a long life. That is the word. If you obey your mother and father your life will be long on the earth. Our Master promised a generation that will not see death. He promised that in Mt 24:32-34, "*...and that generation (meaning the generation who sees these things) will not pass away until all these things have happened.*" He gives His word there. We can be that generation.

In Isa 53:10 it says that it was YHWH's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer and, "*though YHWH makes His soul a guilt offering...*" — it is not talking about His body here, that was a guilt offering, but His soul. His body endured an excruciating agony on the cross and His blood was spilled to forgive our sins, but it was His soul that went into Hades for three days and three nights to atone for sins that we could not possibly have been forgiven for in Israel — that we could never be forgiven for by the Law of Moses. Therefore He had to take upon Himself the guilt that we incurred in our own soul that would have caused us to go to the second death, and therefore He made His soul a guilt offering and He will see the result of that. "*...He will see His*

*offspring and prolong his days and the will of YHWH will prosper in his hand.*" So we know He will prolong his days, the days of the seed that has been forgiven — that has been forgiven much and loves much and fears much. They fear Him and the will of YHWH will prosper in their hand and He will see the result of the suffering of His soul and He will be satisfied. He will see the result, the offspring, the seed.

And that is what our Master said, who told His disciples that when you have seen me you have seen the Father. *"Have I been with you so long that you don't know this? When you see me you see the Father"* (Jn 14:9). The Father was in Him. When we see Him we see the Father. That is how we know the Father, is through YAHSHUA. The everlasting Father is in Him. *"I and the Father are one"* (Jn 10:30). They said, "show us the Father." He said, *"If you've seen me you've seen the Father."* *"Let the little children come to me."* He was like a father. He was telling people that the Father was in Him, and if we obey His commandment, if we fear Him (Jn 14:23,24), that He and the Father and His Spirit will come and dwell in us and He will give us long life — He will prolong our days. Therefore, regardless of what we have to go through in the body, we still have peace, we do not lose our peace. *"My peace I give to you,"* — no one will be able to take it away. That is the peace He has given to us. If we have not received that peace, the *peace* we do have is taken away at the drop of a hat — if we have never received His peace (Jn 14:27). *"Not as the world gives do I give to you, but..."*

It is through peace that we have a prolonged life — through fearing Him. We fear Him and we do not lose our peace. How many times a day do you lose your peace. We do not lose our peace, do we?

**Chetz Barur:** Solomon didn't get the long life that our Father added to him because he didn't obey Him.

What does peace depend on? As long as things are going your way? As long as you have family night — on time?

**Dardah:** If we fear YHWH and obey His commands and have no guilt.

**Hakam:** I saw the connection of Eph 5:21 where we're commanded to submit to one another out of the fear of our Master. This is really what brings us into peace as the reality of our lives is being submitted to one another. We heard before that if you don't submit then you don't have fear of Him. If you don't submit to your brothers and sisters, if you hold onto your own opinions, giving way to your *own* fears, then you have no fear of Him. Our only hope we have of being healed of our wrong ways is that fear. That's why we can have peace living in the body. Our peace comes from knowing that our brothers and sisters are going to speak to us in love and we have opportunity to receive that. And we can go through all kinds of trials and sufferings in the body, and if our lives are submitted to one another, we're going to be *able* to go through it because we're going to have peace, know where we're at, and our Father is going to be able to help us and heal us of all our wrong ways and bring us into a right place in every aspect of our lives. I look at my life and I can see 18 years of gross neglect and drastic mistakes, lack of ruling and I can see the fruit of it, but I know there's hope because I'm in the body and my life is submitted to YAHSHUA in you. Before I didn't really see that; before I didn't give our Master access to my life through the body, or access to my family through the body. And so I reaped the consequences. I can see that. I'm just thankful that our God has had mercy on me that He has opened my eyes to some extent to see the wrong way of standing on your own and not entirely trusting your life, every element, every last part, to the body.

**Nehemiah:** Pr 14:26 — In the fear of the Sovereign is strong confidence, a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death.

**Hannah:** What you fear will come upon you. I was thinking that if we fear YHWH, then YHWH will come upon us, but if we fear man, then the plagues of man will come upon us and we'll have a shortened life.

The fear of YAHSHUA is clean. Ps 19 It is a clean, beautiful fear — because you love him.

May He prolong our lives.