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LIFE or DEATH

A fool takes no pleasure in understanding,  
but only in expressing his opinion.

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Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD...

**Isaiah 1:18a (ESV)**

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**Congregation: Amen! Praise be to God.**

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## Revelation 2:26 (NIRV)

<sup>26</sup> "Here is what I will do for anyone who has victory over sin. I will do it for anyone who carries out my plans to the end. I will give that person authority over the nations."

## Matthew 19:28 (NIV)

<sup>28</sup> Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

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## Psalm 8:3-5 (NIRV)

<sup>3</sup> I think about the heavens.

I think about what your fingers have created.

I think about the moon and stars that you have set in place.

<sup>4</sup> What are human beings that you think about them?

What is a son of man that you take care of him?

<sup>5</sup> You have made them a little lower than the angels.

You placed on them a crown of glory and honor.

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## Matthew 18:15-17 (NLT)

<sup>15</sup> If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. <sup>16</sup> But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses.

## Matthew 18:15-17 (NLT)

<sup>17</sup> If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or corrupt tax collector.

## Galatians 6:1 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.

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## Matthew 5:38-40 (ESV)

<sup>38</sup> "You have heard it said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'<sup>39</sup> But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.<sup>40</sup> And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well."

## Matthew 5:43-45 (ESV)

<sup>43</sup> "You have heard it said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."

## Romans 12:17-19 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, say the Lord."

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## 1 Corinthians 10:24, 33a (NIV)

<sup>24</sup> No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

<sup>33a</sup> For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

## Philippians 2:3-11 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

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- <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something  
to be used to his own advantage;
- <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

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- <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!
- <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every  
name,

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<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ  
is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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## 2 Thessalonians 2:3 (AMP)

<sup>3</sup> Let no one in any way deceive or entrap you, for *that day will not come* unless the apostasy comes first [that is, the great rebellion, the abandonment of the faith by professed Christians], and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction [the Antichrist, the one who is destined to be destroyed],...

## 2 Thessalonians 2:9a,10 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan... <sup>10</sup> and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

## Ephesians 6:12 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

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## 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, *this* person is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

## Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV)

<sup>22</sup> You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

## Isaiah 1:16-17 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> "Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil,  
<sup>17</sup> learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
correct oppression;  
bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause."

## Isaiah 1:18 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool."

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# Reflection & Repentance

1. In what areas might the world's opinion influence you more than God?
2. Are there things in your heart you need to lay down before God as worship?

# Action Steps

1. Let God be God
2. See as Jesus sees; Love as Jesus loves
3. Live a life of worship worthy of Yahweh

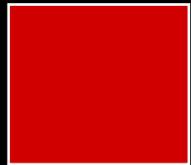
# DO YOU WANT TO ASK JESUS INTO YOUR HEART AS SAVIOR & LORD?



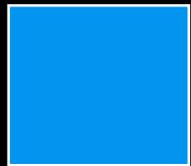
HEAVEN = GOD loves you & wants to be with you



SIN = the hurtful & wrong things you have done



BLOOD = JESUS died to pay the price for your sin



WATER = God cleanses you & baptizes you with His Spirit



GROW = you will experience more & more new life!