

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Proverbs 7.

Psalm 91:14-16 "The LORD says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name.

When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them.

I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation." (NLT)

"To the Jewish people, living a long life and seeing one's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, was the ultimate blessing in this life. Like Abraham, they wanted to die at a good old age and "full of years" (Gen. 25:8), which means "a fulfilled life." It's one thing for doctors to add years to your life, but God adds life to our years and makes life worthwhile." (Wiersbe)

God adds life to those who love Him (cleaves to Him) and to those who know His name. When we acknowledge our relationship with God, identify as His child, honor Him through obedience, God adds life to our years.

What does added life look like? First, (Vs 14) God rescues us for our enemies. He delivers or protects us from the evil one. He sets us above those who seek to harm us.

When we love or cleave to the Lord, as husbands and wives cleave to each other, God is there for us. He works on our behalf as we give ourselves freely to Him. Our love for God is not forced or coerced, but is a choice we make every day. As we love God, His love for us is reciprocated.

Second, (Vs 15) He will answer our cries for help and will be with us during troubled times. God will stand by us and not leave us or forsake us. Not only does He rescue His chosen,

but He will honor those who call upon Him. "Honor means that God will provide blessings, such as victory or success, or fame to the person." (UBS OT Handbook)

Third, (Vs 16) God will reward or satisfy us. God will cause us to "enjoy life to the fullest." (UBS) A full life does not have to be measured in years, as many die young, but the fullness that God offers packs much into whatever time God gives to us.