

YOU ARE FREE?

Understanding the Relationship Between Freedom, Love and Risk

Matthew 6:10—Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

NKJ Luke 7:30—But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by Him.

1 Timothy 2:4—Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Peter 3:9—The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

2 Corinthians 3:17—Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

NKJ Psalm 115:16—The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; but the earth He has given to the children of men.

Why?

1 John 4:8—The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

What Does this Mean?

Titus 1:2— . . . in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago . . .

Revelation 21:4—And He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and . . . there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.

NKJ Nahum 1:9—What do you conspire against the Lord? He will make an utter end of it. Affliction will not rise up a second time.

Matthew 25:40, 45—“The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’ . . . Then He will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’”

Romans 8:28—And we know that God causes all things to

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“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” —John 10:10, NIV

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work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

NJB Genesis 50:20—The evil you planned to do me has by God’s design been turned to good, to bring about the present result: the survival of a numerous people.

How Does this Liberate Us?

Ecclesiastes 9:11—I again saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift and the battle is not to the warriors, and neither is bread to the wise nor wealth to the discerning nor favor to men of ability; for time and chance overtake them all.

Genesis 1:31—God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

NKJ Psalm 115:16—The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord’s; but the earth He has given to the children of men.

Isaiah 5:20—Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

Acts 10:38—You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

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Daniel 10:1-3, 5, 11-14, 20-21—In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar; and the message was true and one of great conflict, but he understood the message and had an understanding of the vision.

In those days, I, Daniel, had been mourning for three entire weeks. I did not eat any tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment at all until the entire three weeks were completed. . . . I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen. . . . He said to me, “O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” . . . Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will

happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future. . . . Then he said, “Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come. However, I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth. Yet there is no one who stands firmly with me against these forces except Michael your prince.”

Ezekiel 22:29-30—The people of the land have practiced oppression and committed robbery, and they have wronged the poor and needy and have oppressed the sojourner without justice. I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.