

5—The Living God

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INTRO:

I. → **Jeremiah 10:8-10**

*They are all senseless and foolish;
they are taught by worthless wooden idols.*

*Hammered silver is brought from Tarshish
and gold from Uphaz.*

*What the craftsman and goldsmith have made
is then dressed in blue and purple—
all made by skilled workers.*

*→ 10 But the Lord is the True God;
he is the **Living God**, the Eternal King.*

*When he is angry, the earth trembles;
the nations cannot endure his wrath.*

II. (E) 'El Chay, (J) 'Elohiym Chayim, (Aram) Elacha Chay

III. The Hebrew Chay is a symbol of good luck and blessing

A. Gematria—chet (8) yod (10)

B. Wedding gifts in multiples of 18 (giving chai)

C. Fiddler on the Roof—"L'chaim! L'chaim! To Life!"

"To our prosperity

To good health and happiness

And most important...

To life! To life! L'chaim!

L'chaim, l'chaim, to life!"

BODY:

I. **The Rescuer of Life**

A. God is always on the side of the greatest preservation of life.

1) **Psalms 18:46-48**

*The Lord **lives!** [chay Yahweh] Praise be to my Rock!*

Exalted be God my Savior!

He is the God who avenges me,

*who subdues nations under me,
who saves me from my enemies.*

2) **IRAN FIRING 182 MISSILES AT ISRAEL**

- a) In 2009, Benjamin Netanyahu visited Wannsee Villa
- b) In Berlin where Hitler and his leaders planned the “Final Solution” to annihilate Europe’s Jews in 1942
- c) He signed the guestbook, “Am Israel Chai”

B. We need more than just air in our lungs to truly live.

1) **Romans 8:11**

*And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also **give life** to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.*

2) **MOLLY AND I BIKING AROUND VICTORIA**

II. **The Restorer of Life**

A. Something inside us longs to connect with the Living God.

1) **Psalms 42:1-2**

*As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the **living God**.
When can I go and meet with God?*

2) **Psalms 84:1-2**

*How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord Almighty!
My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the **living God**.*

3) **FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE—“GOD IS DEAD”**

B. As long as we shine the light our God is still alive.

1) **John 8:12**

*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the **light of life.**"*

2) SHINING THE LIGHT IN HALLOWEEN TOWN

III. The Redeemer of Life

A. Every life is redeemable in the hands of the Living God.

1) **Hosea 1:10-11**

*"Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'children of the **living God.**'"*

2) SCHINDLER'S LIST—"THE LIST IS LIFE"

B. God wants to redeem us and pour out His life through us.

1) **Hebrews 9:14**

*How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the **living God!***

2)

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Matthew 16:15-16

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the **living God**.”

Dan 6:21 Bar Elaha Haya

John 5:39-40

You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to **have life**.

1 Timothy 3:15-16

If I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God’s household, which is the church of the **living God**, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

Acts 14:15-16

“Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the **living God**, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them.”

Friedrick Nietzsche
The Joyous Wisdom, 1882
Parable of the Madman

Have you not heard of that madman
who lit a lantern in the bright morning hours,
ran to the market place, and cried incessantly:
"I seek God! I seek God!"
As many of those who did not believe in God
were standing around just then,
he provoked much laughter.
"Has he got lost?" asked one.
"Did he lose his way like a child?" asked another.
"Or is he hiding?
Is he afraid of us? Has he gone on a voyage? emigrated?"
Thus they yelled and laughed . . .

"God is dead.

God remains dead.
And we have killed him."

"How shall we comfort ourselves,
the murderers of all murderers?
What was holiest and mightiest of all
that the world has yet owned
has bled to death under our knives:
who will wipe this blood off us?
What water is there for us to clean ourselves?
What festivals of atonement,
what sacred games shall we have to invent?
Is not the greatness of this deed too great for us?
Must we ourselves not become gods
simply to appear worthy of it?"