

Chapter twenty-eight of the Book of Deuteronomy is devoted exclusively to the theme of blessings and curses and the primary cause of both. Naturally, after listing them, Moses exhorts the children of Israel:

*I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.*

*(Deuteronomy 30:19-20)*

With regards choosing “*life*,” in the previous chapter we are given a glimpse of what results from it. We are told the Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years, and yet their clothes and shoes did not wear out and their feet did not swell! And nowhere do we hear of any sickness or death in their wandering years, except for those who were struck for disobedience.

Obviously, God miraculously upheld their bodies and clothing so that they would not wear out and fall apart. We read again in the Book of Deuteronomy that when Moses died, “*his sight was unimpaired, and his vigour had not abated.*”

The point of our discussion is this: The Word of God says that Christ inaugurated a Covenant built on "*better promises.*" Therefore, the reason is obvious for anyone who defines himself a minister of the Gospel, yet at the same time entertains others who limit those "*better promises*" solely to the forgiveness of sin!!