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freedom

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1 : the quality or state of being free: such as

a : the absence of necessity, coercion, or constraint in choice or action

b : liberation from slavery or restraint or from the power of another
: independence

c : the quality or state of being exempt or released usually from something onerous *freedom from care*

d : ease, facility *spoke the language with freedom*

e : the quality of being frank, open, or outspoken *answered with freedom*

f : improper familiarity

g : boldness of conception or execution

h : unrestricted use *gave him the freedom of their home*



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שמות ט:א	Shemot (Exodus) 9:1
וַיֹּאמֶר יְיָ אֶל־מֹשֶׁה בֹּא אֶל־פַּרְעֹה וְדַבֵּר אֵלָיו כֹּה־אָמַר יְיָ אֱלֹהֵי הָעִבְרִים שְׁלַח אֶת־עַמִּי וְיַעֲבֹדֵנִי	YHVH said to Moshe, "Go to Pharaoh and you shall tell him, 'So says YHVH, God of the Hebrews, "Send my people and they will serve me.'"

דברים ל:יט-כ	Devarim (Deuteronomy) 30:19-20
יִתְּנֶנְךָ ה' בְּיָמֶיךָ אֶת־הַחַיִּים וְהַמָּוֶת וְנָתַתִּי לְפָנֶיךָ הַבְּרָכָה וְהַקְלָלָה וּבַחֲרָתָּ בְּחַיִּים לְמַעַן תִּחְיֶה אִתָּה וְזָרַעְךָ כִּלְאֵהָבָה אֶת־יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְשֹׂמֵעַ בְּקוֹלוֹ וּלְדֹבְקָה־בּוֹ כִּי הוּא חַיִּיד וְאַרְךָ יָמֶיךָ לְשָׁבֶת עַל־הָאָדָמָה אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע יְיָ לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק וּלְיַעֲקֹב לֵאמֹר:	¹⁹ ...I have put before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life in order that you and your offspring shall live. ²⁰ To love YHVH your God, to listen to His voice and to cleave to Him; thereby you shall have life and long days to reside on the land that YHVH wore to your ancestors, Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'akov.

פרקי אבות ו:ב	Pirkei Avot 6:2
אָמַר רַבִּי יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בֶּן לֵוִי... אֵין לָךְ בּוֹ חוֹרִין אֲלָא מִי שֶׁעוֹסֵק בְּתַלְמוּד תּוֹרָה.	Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi said, "No one is free other than the one who engages in Torah study."

תהלים קמו:ז	Tehillim (Psalms) 146:7
עֲשֵׂה מִשְׁפָּט לְעֹשׂוֹקִים נָתַן לֶחֶם לָרְעֵבִים יְיָ מַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים	who secures justice for those who are wronged, gives bread to the hungry; YHVH frees prisoners.