

Lesson 56 : The Right to the Tree of Life

Memory Verse: Revelation 22:14 "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

I. The Tree of Life in Eden

1. How did human life begin on this earth? Genesis 2:7 "And the Lord God _____ man of the _____ of the ground, and _____ into his nostrils the _____ of _____; and man _____ a living _____."

So a human person is made of two parts:

The _____ of the ground

The _____ of life

These two parts together make a living human person [a living soul].

If you take away one of these parts, you do not have a living human person anymore.

Note: "As Adam came forth from the hand of his Creator he was of **noble height** and of **beautiful symmetry**. He was **more than twice as tall** as men now living upon the earth, and was well proportioned. His features were **perfect** and **beautiful**. His complexion was neither white nor sallow, but ruddy, glowing with the **rich tint of health**. Eve was not quite as tall as Adam. Her head reached a little above his shoulders. She, too, was **noble, perfect in symmetry, and very beautiful.**" SR 20.2

"Man came from the hand of his Creator **perfect** in organization, and **beautiful** in form. The fact that he has for six thousand years withstood the ever-increasing weight of disease and crime, is conclusive proof of the **power of endurance** with which he was first endowed. And although the antediluvians generally gave themselves up to sin without restraint, **it was more than two thousand years before the violation of natural law was sensibly felt**. Had Adam originally possessed no greater physical power than men now have, **the race would ere this have become extinct.**" RH, Dec. 13, 1881 par. 3

"In creating man, God gave him **noble** qualities. He endowed him with a **well-balanced mind**, and made every power of his being **harmonious**. ... It was through **disobedience to God's requirements** that these powers were **perverted**; the affections were **misplaced**, and turned from the high and holy purpose to a **lower aim** and to meet a **lower standard**. When a man is **converted**, when he comes back to his **allegiance to God**, he then places himself in a **right relation** to him to **heed his warnings**, to be **instructed** by him, by living, not by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God; and he is in **direct communication** with him through Jesus Christ, whereby he will **regain the moral image** of his Maker. Originally man's affections were in perfect obedience to God's will; but they have been **perverted, misused, and degenerated by disobedience**. In returning to God, the **inclinations, the taste, the appetite, and the passions** are brought into **higher, holier channels**. The bias to evil is overcome through man's determined effort, aided by the grace of Christ. The faculties that have been **warped** in a wrong direction are **no longer misused, perverted, and misapplied**. They are **not wasted** in selfish purposes, or fastened upon perishable things. The truth has been **accepted**, has **convicted** the soul, **transformed** the character, and there is a **purification** and **elevation** of all the powers of the being, and the God-given powers are **no longer debased.**" RH, March 1, 1887 par. 1

2. When God created man, what home did He give him? Genesis 2:8 "And the Lord God planted a _____ eastward in _____; and there he _____ the man whom he had formed."

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3. What job did he give him? Genesis 2:15 "And the Lord God took the man, and _____ him into the _____ of Eden to _____ it and to _____ it."

Note: "To the dwellers in Eden was committed **the care of the garden**, 'to dress it and to keep it.' Their occupation was not wearisome, but **pleasant and invigorating**. God appointed labor as a blessing to man, to occupy his mind, to strengthen his body, and to develop his faculties. In **mental and physical activity** Adam found **one of the highest pleasures of his holy existence**. And when, as a result of his disobedience, he was driven from his beautiful home, and forced to struggle with a stubborn soil to gain his daily bread, that very labor, although widely different from his pleasant occupation in the garden, was **a safeguard against temptation and a source of happiness**. Those who regard work as a curse, attended though it be with weariness and pain, are cherishing an error. ... Our Creator, who understands what is for man's happiness, appointed Adam his work. The **true joy of life** is found only by the working men and women. The angels are diligent workers; they are the ministers of God to the children of men. The Creator has prepared no place for the stagnating practice of indolence." PP 50.1

"It was the design of God that man should find **happiness** in the employment of tending the things He had created, and that his wants should be met with the fruits of the trees of the garden." CC 12.4

4. What food did he give him to eat? Genesis 1:29 "And God said, Behold, I have _____ you every _____ bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every _____, in the which is the _____ of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat [or food]."

Note: "In this garden the Lord placed trees of every variety for usefulness and beauty. There were trees laden with luxuriant fruit, of rich fragrance, beautiful to the eye, and pleasant to the taste, **designed of God to be food for the holy pair**. There were the lovely vines which grew upright, laden with their burden of fruit, unlike anything man has seen since the fall. The fruit was very large and of different colors; some nearly black, some purple, red, pink, and light green. This beautiful and luxuriant growth of fruit upon the branches of the vine was called grapes. They did not trail upon the ground, although not supported by trellises, but the weight of the fruit bowed them down. It was the happy labor of Adam and Eve to form beautiful bowers from the branches of the vine and train them, forming dwellings of nature's beautiful, living trees and foliage, laden with fragrant fruit." CC 12.3

"In order to know what are the best foods, we must study **God's original plan for man's diet**. He who created man and who understands his needs appointed Adam his food. 'Behold,' He said, 'I have given you every herb yielding seed, ... and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food.' Genesis 1:29, A.R.V. Upon leaving Eden to gain his livelihood by tilling the earth under the curse of sin, man received permission to eat also 'the herb of the field.' Genesis 3:18.

"**Grains, fruits, nuts, and vegetables** constitute the diet chosen for us by our Creator. These foods, prepared in as **simple** and **natural** a manner as possible, are the **most healthful and nourishing**. They impart a **strength**, a **power of endurance**, and a **vigor of intellect** that are not afforded by a more complex and stimulating diet." MH 295.3-296.1

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5. What did God put in the Garden of Eden? Genesis 2:9

🌲 "And out of the _____ made the Lord God to grow every _____ that is _____ to the sight, and good for _____;

🌲 The _____ of _____ also in the _____ of the garden,

🌲 And the _____ of knowledge of _____ and _____."

6. What did God say was the purpose of the tree of life? Look in Genesis 3:22.

If he T_____ fruit from the tree of life and _____ it, he will live for _____.

Note: "The fruit of the tree of life in the Garden of Eden possessed supernatural virtue. **To eat of it was to live forever.** Its fruit was the **antidote of death.** Its leaves were for the **sustaining of life and immortality.**" 8T 288.1

"In order to possess an endless existence, **man must continue to partake of the tree of life.** Deprived of this, his vitality would gradually diminish until life should become extinct." PP 60.3

"God made man upright; He gave him noble traits of character, with no bias toward evil. He endowed him with high intellectual powers, and presented before him the strongest possible inducements to be true to his allegiance. **Obedience, perfect and perpetual, was the condition of eternal happiness. On this condition he was to have access to the tree of life.**" PP 49.2

The tree of life was made so that they could live forever as long as they were obedient. Only the obedient would be able to live forever. They did not have it in their nature to be able to live forever without the tree of life. They did not **have** immortality. What is immortality? It is the condition of not being able to die, ever. Sinners will not live forever.

7. The Bible tells us who alone has immortality in 1 Timothy 6:15-16: "... who is the blessed and only Potentate, the _____ of kings, and _____ of lords; Who _____ hath _____, dwelling in the _____ which no man can approach unto. ..." Only _____ has immortality.

II. The Loss of the Tree of Life

8. What did God tell them about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

Genesis 2:16-17 "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of _____ tree of the garden thou mayest _____ eat: _____ of the tree of the knowledge of _____ and _____, **thou shalt _____ eat of it:** for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely _____.**"

Note: "Our first parents, though created innocent and holy, were not placed beyond the possibility of wrongdoing. **God made them free moral agents,** capable of appreciating the wisdom and benevolence of His character and the justice of His requirements, and **with full liberty to yield or to withhold obedience.** They were to enjoy communion with God and with holy angels; but before they could be rendered eternally secure, **their loyalty must be tested.** At the very beginning of man's existence **a check was placed upon the desire for self-indulgence,** the fatal passion that lay at the foundation of Satan's fall. The tree of knowledge, which stood near the tree of life in the midst of the garden, was to be **a test of the obedience, faith, and love** of our parents. While permitted to eat freely

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of every other tree, they were forbidden to taste of this, on pain of death. They were also to be exposed to the temptations of Satan; but if they endured the trial, they would finally be placed beyond his power, to enjoy perpetual favor with God." PP 48.4

"Adam and Eve were placed upon **trial**, that it might be **demonstrated** as to whether they would **obey** the word of their Creator, or **disobey** his requirements. The Creator of man was his Father, and had an entire right to the service he could render. Body, soul, and spirit, man was the sole property of God. God revealed himself to the innocent pair in Eden, and conversed with them freely. God was their teacher, and instructed them in regard to their work. **He made it plain to them that by obedience to his holy law they would retain happiness, and finally be blessed with immortality.** Eternal life should be theirs if they regulated their conduct according to the principles of the law of God. Man was not left in uncertainty to suppose as to what course he should pursue, or to take any risk by venturing on some line of conduct which he might think a safe course. As children are educated by faithful parents, so Adam and Eve were instructed as to what was required of them as intelligent creatures of God. Every provision was made whereby blessings might be secured to the human race, and **but one mild restriction was placed upon the sinless pair to test their loyalty to God.**"

"... **In every matter God was to be obeyed; but the test of man's obedience in everything was to be found in his faithfulness in carrying out one particular command,** in abstaining from taking of the forbidden tree. The result of obedience would be eternal life, and the outworking of disobedience would be death." ST, October 8, 1894 par. 2,3

9. God had said to Adam "But of the _____ of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt _____ of it: for in the day that thou _____ thereof thou shalt _____." Genesis 2:17

But "the _____ said unto the woman, Ye shall _____ :"
Genesis 3:4

Who was this serpent? Revelation 12:9 The serpent is "called the _____ and _____ which _____ the whole world."

10. Satan directly contradicted God. God said "Thou _____ surely die."

Satan said, "Ye _____ surely die."

Who was right? **God** OR **Satan** Let's see.

Did they disobey the command of God? Genesis 3:6 YES NO

What was their sentence? Genesis 3:19 "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou _____ unto the _____; for out of it wast thou taken: for _____ thou art, and unto _____ shalt thou _____."

11. What else happened as a result of their sin? Genesis 3:22-24 "And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to _____ good and _____: and now, lest he put forth his _____, and _____ also of the tree of _____, and _____, and _____ for _____: **Therefore** the Lord God _____ him forth from the _____ of Eden, to till the _____"

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from whence he was taken. So he drove _____ the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden _____, and a flaming _____ which turned every way, to keep the _____ of the _____ of _____."

Note: "In Eden Adam and Eve partook of the forbidden tree, and then **the flaming sword was placed around the tree of life**, and they were driven from the garden, lest they should partake of the tree of life, the fruit of which was to perpetuate immortality, and be immortal sinners. Who of the family of Adam have passed that flaming sword, and have partaken of the tree of life? **Not one has passed that flaming sword, and partaken of that tree; therefore there is not an immortal sinner.**"

BEcho, August 10, 1896 par. 2

12. What happened to man after sin entered the world? Did they live forever?

Genesis 5:5 "And all the days that Adam lived were _____ years: and he _____."

Genesis 5:8 "And all the days of Seth were _____ years: and he _____."

Genesis 5:11 "And all the days of Enos were _____: and he _____."

Genesis 5:14 "And all the days of Cainan were _____ years: and he _____."

Genesis 5:17 "And all the days of Mahalaleel were _____ years: and he _____."

Genesis 5:20 "And all the days of Jared were _____ years: and he _____."

Genesis 5:27 "And all the days of Methuselah were _____ years: and he _____."

Genesis 5:31 "And all the days of Lamech were _____ years: and he _____."

Genesis 9:29 "And all the days of Noah were _____ years: and he _____."

Even though they lived a long time, they all _____.

The only one who didn't die was _____ who _____ with God and God _____ him [to heaven]. Genesis 5:24

Note: Why did they live so long? "The tree of life is a **representation** of the preserving care of Christ for His children. As Adam and Eve ate of this tree, **they acknowledged their dependence upon God.** **The tree of life possessed the power to perpetuate life**, and as long as they ate of it, they could not die. The lives of the antediluvians were protracted [they lived a long time] **because of the life-giving power of this tree**, which was **transmitted to them** from Adam and Eve." RH, Jan. 26, 1897 par. 9

13. Was the word of God true? Did they die? YES NO

The Bible teaches us that "the wages of _____ is _____." Romans 6:23

Ezekiel 18:4 "... the _____ that _____, it shall _____."

Note: "It is a marvel that Satan has succeeded so well in making men believe that the words of God, 'The soul that sinneth it shall die,' mean that the soul that sinneth it shall not die, but live eternally in misery. Life is life, whether it is in pain or happiness. Death is without pain, without joy, without hatred."

BEcho, August 10, 1896 par. 3

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14. What happened to the length of the lives of men after the flood?

Genesis 11:10,11 Shem lived _____ + _____ = _____ years

Genesis 11:12,13 Arphaxad lived _____ + _____ = _____ years

Genesis 11:14,15 Salah lived _____ + _____ = _____ years

Genesis 11:16,17 Eber lived _____ + _____ = _____ years

Genesis 11:18,19 Peleg lived _____ + _____ = _____ years

Genesis 11:20,21 Reu lived _____ + _____ = _____ years

Genesis 11:22,23 Serug lived _____ + _____ = _____ years

Genesis 11:24,25 Nahor lived _____ + _____ = _____ years

Genesis 11:32 Terah lived _____ years

Genesis 25:7-8 Abraham lived _____ years (one score = 20 years)

It says that he "died in a _____ age, an _____ man, and _____ of years." Do you think any of the people before the flood would have thought that about Abraham? YES NO

How long did Moses live? _____ years Deuteronomy 34:7

How long do people now live?

Psalms 90:10 (one score = 20 years): _____ or _____ years

Many people die even earlier than that. We marvel when someone reaches 100 years!

III. The Restoration of the Tree of Life

15. Genesis 2:17 says "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt _____ of it: for in the _____ that thou _____ thereof thou shalt _____." Did they die that very day? YES NO

Why? Job 33:24 "Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, _____ him from going _____ to the _____: I have _____ a _____." A ransom is someone who rescues you from punishment by paying the price. Who is this ransom?

It is "the _____ slain from the _____ of the world." Revelation 13:8

Note: "Adam listened to the words of the tempter, and yielding to his insinuations, fell into sin. Why was not the death penalty at once enforced in his case? – Because **a ransom was found. God's only begotten Son volunteered to take the sin of man upon Himself**, and to make an atonement for the fallen race. **There could have been no pardon for sin had this atonement not been made. Had God pardoned Adam's sin without an atonement, sin would have been immortalized, and would have been perpetuated with a boldness that would have been without restraint.**" RH April 23, 1901

16. To illustrate this, what did God do? Genesis 3:21 "Unto _____ also and to his _____ did the Lord God _____ coats of _____, and _____ them."

Where did the skins come from? At least two animals had to die in order to get their skins. In order to get the skin of a lamb, it must die. God showed them the system of sacrifices that day and explained the meaning to them.

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Note: "When Adam, according to God's special directions, made an offering for sin, it was to him a most painful ceremony. His hand must be raised to take life, which God alone could give. It was the first time he had witnessed death. As he looked upon the bleeding victim, writhing in the agonies of death, he was to **look forward by faith to the Son of God, whom the victim prefigured, who was to die man's sacrifice.** ST, January 30, 1879 par. 17

"This ceremonial offering, ordained of God, was to be to Adam a **perpetual reminder of his guilt, and also a penitential acknowledgment of his sin.** This act of taking life gave him a deeper and more perfect sense of his transgression, **which nothing less than the death of God's dear Son could expiate.** Adam marveled at the **infinite goodness and matchless love** which would give such a ransom to save the guilty. As he was slaying the innocent victim, **it seemed to him that he was shedding the blood of the Son of God by his own hand.** He knew that if he had remained steadfast to God, and true to his holy law, there would have been no death of beast nor of man. Yet in the sacrificial offerings, pointing to the great and perfect offering of God's dear Son, **there appeared a star of hope to illuminate the dark and terrible future, and relieve it of its utter hopelessness and ruin.**" ST, January 30, 1879 par. 18

17. It cost **very much** to redeem us: 1 Peter 1:18-20 "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with _____ things, as _____ and _____, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the _____ blood of _____, as of a _____ without _____ and without _____: Who verily was foreordained _____ the _____ of the world, but was _____ in these last times for you." Jesus was set apart before the world was even created to be the ransom for man **if** they were to listen to the tempter and sin. This is why they didn't die that day. Jesus stepped in and said, "Let the penalty fall upon Me!"

Note: "The Son of God, heaven's glorious Commander, **was touched with pity for the fallen race.** His heart was moved with infinite compassion as the woes of the lost world rose up before Him. **But divine love had conceived a plan whereby man might be redeemed.** The broken law of God demanded the life of the sinner. In all the universe there was but **one** who could, in behalf of man, satisfy its claims. Since the divine law is as sacred as God Himself, only one equal with God could make atonement for its transgression. **None but Christ** could redeem fallen man from the curse of the law and bring him again into harmony with Heaven. **Christ would take upon Himself the guilt and shame of sin** – sin so offensive to a holy God that it must **separate** the Father and His Son. Christ would reach to the depths of misery to rescue the ruined race. PP 63.2

"Before the Father He pleaded in the sinner's behalf, while the host of heaven awaited the result with an intensity of interest that words cannot express. Long continued was that mysterious communing – 'the counsel of peace' (Zechariah 6:13) for the fallen sons of men. **The plan of salvation had been laid before the creation of the earth;** for Christ is 'the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world' (Revelation 13:8); **yet it was a struggle, even with the King of the universe, to yield up His Son to die for the guilty race.** But 'God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' John 3:16. Oh, the **mystery** of redemption! **the love of God for a world that did not love Him!** Who can know the depths of that love which 'passeth knowledge'? Through endless ages immortal minds, seeking to comprehend the mystery of that incomprehensible love, will wonder and adore." PP 63.3

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18. 2 Timothy 1:9,10 "[God] hath _____ us, and _____ us with an _____ calling, not according to our _____, but according to his own _____ and _____, which was _____ us in Christ Jesus _____ the world _____, But is _____ made _____ by the _____ of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath _____ death, and hath brought _____ and _____ to light through the gospel." God has provided everything that we need to gain life and _____. He **calls** us with an _____ calling to partake of the provision made through Jesus Christ to be restored to the image of God and be **free from sin**. We must choose to respond to His calling and take the grace provided to conquer in the battle with evil. He brings **immortality** to those who obey the gospel. We don't already have it.

Note: "The garden of Eden was not only Adam's dwelling, but his **school-room**. As in that school, so in the **school of earth today**, two trees are planted, – the **tree of life**, which bears the fruit of the **true education**: the **tree of knowledge** yielding the fruit of '**science falsely so called**.' All who have a **connection with Christ** have access to the tree of life, a source of knowledge of which the world is ignorant. After sin entered this world, the heavenly Husbandman transplanted the tree of life to the paradise above; but its branches hang over the wall to the lower world. **Through the redemption purchased by the blood of the Son of God, man may now partake of its life-giving fruit**. The tree of knowledge has its roots in the earth – it is of the earth, earthy. All who have tasted of the heavenly fruit, the Bread of Life, are to be **co-workers with God**, **pointing others from the tree of knowledge to the tree of life**, that they also may partake of its fruits. GCDB, March 6, 1899 par. 5

"**Jesus Christ is to the world as the tree of life** to which Adam and Eve had access in the garden of Eden. When, by disobedience, the fallen pair were deprived of the fruit of this tree, they **lost** everlasting life. **The tree of knowledge became a curse to them, not because of its poisonous qualities, but because of their act of disobedience**. It was attractive to them; and in their great **desire** for it, they partook of it, and **lost** their purity and their allegiance to God. **But Christ presents himself as the Life-giver, the tree of life for the world**. By feeding upon his flesh, and drinking his blood, our **spiritual** life is perfected." GCDB, March 6, 1899 par. 6

19. Romans 2:6-7 "[God] will render to every man according to his _____: To them who by _____ continuance in _____ doing _____ for glory and honour and _____, eternal life." God will **give** eternal life to those who continue in _____ doing. They S_____ immortality because they don't already have it.

20. When will they receive immortality? 1 Corinthians 15:51-55 "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a _____, in the twinkling of an eye, _____ the _____ trump: for the _____ shall sound, and the _____ shall be _____ incorruptible, and we shall be _____. For this corruptible must _____ incorruption, and this mortal must _____ immortality. So when this _____ shall have

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put on _____, and this _____ shall have **put on** _____, **then** shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, _____ is swallowed up in _____. O _____, where is thy sting? O _____, where is thy victory?" When do the righteous put on immortality? At the last _____.

21. When does the last trumpet sound? 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are _____ and remain unto the _____ of the Lord shall not prevent [precede] them which are _____ [in death]. For the Lord himself shall _____ from heaven with a _____, with the _____ of the archangel, and with the _____ of God: and the _____ in Christ shall _____ first: **Then** we which are _____ and remain shall be _____ together _____ them in the clouds, to _____ the Lord in the air: and so shall we _____ be with the Lord." This is at the 2nd _____ of Jesus. It is at this time that the dead are raised and the righteous are given immortality.

22. At that time there will be no more _____. Revelation 21:4
Neither will there be any of the other results of sin: S_____, C_____, or P_____. This is because they will again be able to eat from the _____ of life which brings health and H_____. Revelation 22:1-2 "And he showed me a pure river of _____ of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the _____ of God and of the Lamb. In the _____ of the street of it, and on either _____ of the _____, was there the _____ of _____, which bare _____ manner of _____, and yielded her _____ every _____: and the _____ of the tree were for the _____ of the nations."

23. Who will be able to eat from the tree of life and live forever?

Revelation 2:7 "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that _____ will I give to _____ of the _____ of _____, which is in the _____ of the _____ of God."

Revelation 22:14 "Blessed are they that _____ his _____, that they may have _____ to the _____ of _____, and may _____ in through the gates into the _____.

Note: "The **Garden of Eden** remained upon the earth long after man had become an outcast from its pleasant paths. The fallen race were long permitted to gaze upon the home of innocence, their entrance barred only by the watching angels. **At the cherubim-guarded gate of Paradise the divine glory was revealed.** Hither came Adam and his sons to worship God. Here they **renewed their vows of obedience** to that law the transgression of which had banished them from Eden. When the tide of iniquity overspread the world, and the wickedness of men determined their destruction by a flood of waters, the hand that had planted Eden withdrew it from the earth. But in the **final restitution**, when

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there shall be 'a new heaven and a new earth' (Revelation 21:1), it is to be **restored more gloriously adorned than at the beginning.**" Mar 354.1

"Then they that have kept God's commandments shall breathe in immortal vigor beneath the tree of life; and through unending ages the inhabitants of sinless worlds shall behold, in that garden of delight, a sample of the perfect work of God's creation, untouched by the curse of sin – a sample of what the whole earth would have become, had man but fulfilled the Creator's glorious plan." Mar 354.2

"Adam is reinstated in his first dominion. Transported with joy, he beholds the trees that were once his delight – the very trees whose fruit he himself had gathered in the days of his innocence and joy. He sees the vines that his own hands have trained, the very flowers that he once loved to care for. His mind grasps the **reality** of the scene; he **comprehends** that this is indeed **Eden restored.**" Mar 354.3

"Restored to the tree of life in the long-lost Eden, the redeemed will **'grow up'** (Malachi 4:2) to the full stature of the race in its primeval glory. The last lingering traces of the curse of sin will be removed, and Christ's faithful ones will appear in 'the beauty of the Lord our God,' **in mind and soul and body reflecting the perfect image of their Lord. Oh, wonderful redemption!** long talked of, long hoped for, contemplated with **eager anticipation**, but never fully understood." Mar 354.4

24. How will we be able to enter?

1 John 5:11-12 "And this is the record, that God hath _____ to us _____ life, and this _____ is _____ his _____. He that _____ the Son hath _____; and he that hath _____ the Son of God hath _____ life."

We must have Jesus abiding in our hearts.

Galatians 3:26-27 "For ye are all the _____ of God by _____ in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have _____ Christ." We must put on Christ – that is, we must have his character.

Note: "You can have heaven as you come and as you go. But in order for this to be, **self must be lost in Christ.** We must eat the bread of heaven. This is like taking each day the **leaves of the tree of life.** These will **restore in us the moral image of God.** This image has been obliterated, but **it can be restored by the eating of the bread of life.**" 2SAT 154.4

"Long have we waited for our Saviour's return. **But none the less sure is the promise.**

Soon we shall be in our promised home.

There Jesus will lead us beside the living stream flowing from the throne of God, and will **explain to us the dark providences through which he led us in order to perfect our characters.**

There we shall see on every hand the beautiful trees of Paradise, in the midst of them the **tree of life.**

There we shall behold with undimmed vision the beauties of **Eden restored.**

There we shall cast at the feet of our Redeemer the **crowns** that he has placed on our heads, and, touching our golden **harps**, we shall offer **praise** and **thanksgiving** to him that sitteth on the throne." RH, September 3, 1903 par. 14

"Dear friends, I have talked to you this afternoon in regard to some of the simple truths of the gospel.

If you will receive these truths into your hearts, I shall feel that my words have not been in vain.

May the blessing of God rest upon you and your children.

May you **all** be among those who shall enter through the gates of pearl into the city of our God.

May you, **as unbroken families,** dwell forever in that haven of rest.

To this end may God help you now to strive for the crown of life." RH, September 3, 1903 par. 15