

Outline of the Messages for the Memorial Day Conference  
May 27-30, 2011

**GENERAL SUBJECT:  
THE CRUCIAL ELEMENTS OF THE BIBLE**

Message Five

**Eating the Lord as the Tree of Life and Living on the Line of Life**

Scripture Reading: Gen. 2:9; John 1:4; 10:10b; 14:6a; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:6; Rev. 2:7; 22:1-2

- Gen 2:9 And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- John 1:4 In Him was <sup>1a</sup>life, and the life was the <sup>2b</sup>light of men.
- John 10:10b ... I <sup>a</sup>have come that they may have <sup>1</sup>life and may have *it* abundantly.
- John 14:6a Jesus said to him, I am the <sup>1</sup>way and the <sup>2a</sup>reality and the <sup>b</sup>life; ...
- 1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam *became* a <sup>c</sup>life-giving Spirit.
- 2 Cor 3:6 Who has also made us <sup>a</sup>sufficient as <sup>b</sup>ministers of a <sup>c</sup>new covenant, *ministers* not of the <sup>1</sup>letter but of the <sup>2d</sup>Spirit; for the <sup>3</sup>letter kills, but the <sup>4e</sup>Spirit gives life.
- Rev 2:7 He who has an <sup>1a</sup>ear, let him hear what the <sup>2b</sup>Spirit says to the <sup>3</sup>churches. To him who <sup>4c</sup>overcomes, to him I will give to <sup>5d</sup>eat of the <sup>6e</sup>tree of life, which is in the <sup>7f</sup>Paradise of God.
- Rev 22:1 And <sup>1</sup>he <sup>a</sup>showed me a <sup>2b</sup>river of <sup>3c</sup>water of life, bright as <sup>4d</sup>crystal, <sup>e</sup>proceeding out of the <sup>5f</sup>throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its <sup>6g</sup>street.
- Rev 22:2 And on this <sup>a</sup>side and on that side of the river was the <sup>1b</sup>tree of life, producing twelve <sup>2c</sup>fruits, yielding its fruit <sup>3</sup>each <sup>4</sup>month; and the <sup>5d</sup>leaves of the tree are for the <sup>e</sup>healing of the <sup>f</sup>nations.

**I. The tree of life signifies the Triune God embodied in Christ as life to man in the form of food—Gen. 2:9; John 1:4; 10:10b; 14:6a; 1 Cor. 15:45b; John 6:35, 57:**

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- John 6:35 Jesus said to them, I am the <sup>1</sup>bread of life; he who comes to Me <sup>a</sup>shall <sup>2b</sup>by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst.
- John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I <sup>a</sup>live because of the Father, so he who <sup>1</sup>eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

A. God's placing man in front of the tree of life indicates that God wanted man to receive Him as his life by eating Him organically and assimilating Him metabolically so that God might become the very constituent of man's being—cf. 5:39-40; 2 Cor. 3:6.

- John 5:39 You <sup>1</sup>search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that testify concerning Me.
- John 5:40 Yet you are not willing to <sup>1</sup>come to Me that you may have life.
- 2 Cor 3:6 Who has also made us <sup>a</sup>sufficient as <sup>b</sup>ministers of a <sup>c</sup>new covenant, *ministers* not of the <sup>1</sup>letter but of the <sup>2d</sup>Spirit; for the <sup>3</sup>letter kills, but the <sup>4e</sup>Spirit gives life.

B. The tree of life grows along the two sides of the river of water of life, indicating that it is a vine; since Christ is a vine tree and is also life, He is the tree of life—Rev. 2:7; 22:1-2; John 15:1; 14:6a.

- Rev 2:7 He who has an <sup>1a</sup>ear, let him hear what the <sup>2b</sup>Spirit says to the <sup>3</sup>churches. To him who <sup>4c</sup>overcomes, to him I will give to <sup>5d</sup>eat of the <sup>6e</sup>tree of life, which is in the <sup>7f</sup>Paradise of God.
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John 15:1 I am the <sup>1</sup>true <sup>a</sup>vine, and My Father is the <sup>2</sup>husbandman.

John 14:6a Jesus said to him, I am the <sup>1</sup>way and the <sup>2a</sup>reality and the <sup>b</sup>life; ...

C. Christ was processed through incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection so that man might have life and live by eating Him—10:10b; 6:51, 57, 63.

John 10:10b ... I <sup>a</sup>have come that they may have <sup>1</sup>life and may have *it* abundantly.

John 6:51 I am the <sup>1</sup>living bread which came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, <sup>a</sup>he shall live forever; And the bread which I will give is My <sup>2</sup>flesh, *given* <sup>3</sup>for the life of the <sup>b</sup>world.

John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I <sup>a</sup>live because of the Father, so he who <sup>1</sup>eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

John 6:63 <sup>a</sup>It is the <sup>1</sup>Spirit who gives life; the <sup>2</sup>flesh profits nothing; the <sup>3</sup>words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

## II. We can eat the Lord as the tree of life, our spiritual food, in the following ways:

A. We can eat Him by eating His words:

1. "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God"—Matt. 4:4.
2. "How sweet are Your words to my taste! / Sweeter than honey to my mouth!"—Psa. 119:103.
3. "Then He said to me, Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and He gave me that scroll to eat. And He said to me, Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your inward parts with this scroll that I am giving you. And I ate it, and it was like honey in my mouth in its sweetness. Then He said to me, Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them"—Ezek. 3:1-4.
4. "Your words were found and I ate them, / And Your word became to me / The gladness and joy of my heart, / For I am called by Your name, / O Jehovah, God of hosts"—Jer. 15:16.
5. "He who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me...It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life"—John 6:57, 63.

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B. We can eat Him by doing the will of the Father to satisfy the hungry and thirsty ones and by glorifying the Father on earth in living the life of a God-man—Matt. 24:45-47:

Matt 24:45 Who then is the <sup>1a</sup>faithful and prudent slave, whom the master has set over his <sup>2</sup>household to <sup>3</sup>give them food at the proper time?

Matt 24:46 <sup>1</sup>Blessed is that slave whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

Matt 24:47 Truly I say to you that he will <sup>a</sup>set him <sup>1</sup>over all his possessions.

1. "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work"—John 4:34.
2. "I have glorified You on earth, finishing the work which You have given Me to do"—17:4; cf. Col. 1:9-11.

John 17:4 I have <sup>1</sup>glorified You on earth, finishing the <sup>a</sup>work which You have given Me to do.

Col 1:9 Therefore we also, since the day we heard of *it*, do not cease <sup>a</sup>praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of <sup>1</sup>His <sup>b</sup>will in all <sup>2</sup>spiritual <sup>c</sup>wisdom and understanding,

Col 1:10 To <sup>1</sup>walk worthily of the Lord to please *Him* <sup>2</sup>in all things, <sup>3</sup>bearing fruit in every good work and growing by the full <sup>4</sup>knowledge of God,

Col 1:11 Being <sup>a</sup>empowered with all <sup>1</sup>power, according to the <sup>2b</sup>might of His glory, unto all endurance and long-suffering with joy,

C. We can eat Him by contacting the proper people—Lev. 11:1-3, 9, 13, 21:

- Lev 11:1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them,  
Lev 11:2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, These are the animals which you may eat among all the beasts that are on the earth.  
Lev 11:3 Whatever has a divided hoof, that is, has its hoof split in two, and chews the cud among the beasts, that you may eat.  
Lev 11:9 These you may eat of all that are in the water: anything in the water that has fins and scales, in the seas or in the rivers; these you may eat.  
Lev 11:13 And these you shall regard as an abomination among the birds; they shall not be eaten; they are an abomination: the great vulture and the bearded vulture and the black vulture  
Lev 11:21 Yet these you may eat of all flying insects that go on all fours, which have legs above their feet with which to leap on the earth;

1. To eat is to contact things outside of us and to receive them into us, with the result that they eventually become our inner constitution.
2. In Leviticus 11 all the animals signify different kinds of people, and eating signifies our contacting of people—cf. Acts 10:9b-14, 27-29.

Acts 10:9-14, 27-29

- Acts 10:9b ... Peter went up on the <sup>a</sup>housetop to <sup>1b</sup>pray around the <sup>2</sup>sixth hour.  
Acts 10:10 And he became very <sup>1</sup>hungry and wanted to <sup>2</sup>eat. And while they were preparing, a <sup>3a</sup>trance came upon him;  
Acts 10:11 And he beheld <sup>1</sup>heaven <sup>a</sup>opened, and a certain <sup>2</sup>vessel like a great sheet descending, being let down by four corners onto the earth,  
Acts 10:12 In which were all the four-footed <sup>1</sup>animals and reptiles of the earth and birds of heaven.  
Acts 10:13 And a voice came to him: Rise up, Peter; slay and <sup>1</sup>eat!  
Acts 10:14 But Peter said, By no means, Lord, for I have <sup>1a</sup>never eaten anything <sup>b</sup>common and <sup>c</sup>unclean.  
Acts 10:27 And as he talked with him, he entered and found many who had come together.  
Acts 10:28 And he said to them, You understand that it is unlawful for a <sup>1</sup>man *who is* a Jew to join himself to or come near one of <sup>a</sup>another race; yet God has shown me that I should not call any man <sup>b</sup>common or unclean.  
Acts 10:29 Hence, even without objection I came when I had been sent for. I ask therefore, For what reason have you sent for me?

3. For God's people to live a holy life as required by the holy God, they must be careful about the kind of people they contact—cf. Lev. 11:46-47; 1 Cor. 15:33; 2 Cor. 6:14-18; 2 Tim. 2:22:

- Lev 11:46 This is the law of the beast and of the bird, and of every living animal that moves in the waters, and of every creature that swarms upon the earth;  
Lev 11:47 To make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the animal that may be eaten and the animal that may not be eaten.  
1 Cor 15:33 Do not be <sup>a</sup>deceived: <sup>1</sup>Evil <sup>2b</sup>companionships <sup>c</sup>corrupt good morals.  
2 Cor 6:14 <sup>1</sup>Do not become <sup>2a</sup>dissimilarly yoked with unbelievers. For what <sup>3b</sup>partnership do righteousness and lawlessness have? Or what <sup>c</sup>fellowship does <sup>d</sup>light have <sup>4</sup>with <sup>e</sup>darkness?  
2 Cor 6:15 And what concord does <sup>a</sup>Christ have <sup>1</sup>with Belial? Or what part does a believer have with an <sup>b</sup>unbeliever?  
2 Cor 6:16 And what agreement does the <sup>a</sup>temple of God have with idols? For we are the temple of the <sup>1b</sup>living God, even as God said, "<sup>c</sup>I will dwell among them and walk among *them*; and <sup>d</sup>I will be their God, and they will be My people."  
2 Cor 6:17 Therefore "<sup>a</sup>come out from their midst and be <sup>1</sup>separated, says the Lord, and do not touch <sup>2</sup>what is <sup>b</sup>unclean; and I will <sup>3</sup>welcome you";  
2 Cor 6:18 "And I will be <sup>1a</sup>Father to you, and you will be <sup>2b</sup>sons and daughters to Me, says the Lord Almighty."  
2 Tim 2:22 But <sup>a</sup>flee youthful <sup>1</sup>lusts, and <sup>b</sup>pursue <sup>2</sup>righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who <sup>3c</sup>call on the Lord out of a <sup>4d</sup>pure heart.

- a. Animals that divide the hoof and chew the cud (Lev. 11:3; cf. vv. 4-8, 26-28) signify persons who have discernment in their activities (Phil. 1:9-10) and who receive the word of God with much reconsideration (Psa. 119:15).

Lev 11:3 Whatever has a divided hoof, that is, has its hoof split in two, and chews the cud among the beasts, that you may eat.

Lev 11:4 However these you shall not eat: of those that only chew the cud or of those that only have a divided hoof: the camel, for though it chews the cud, it does not have a divided hoof; it is unclean to you.

Lev 11:5 And the hyrax, for though it chews the cud, it does not have a divided hoof; it is unclean to you.

Lev 11:6 And the hare, for though it chews the cud, it does not have a divided hoof; it is unclean to you.

Lev 11:7 And the pig, for though it has a divided hoof, that is, it has its hoof split in two, it does not chew the cud; it is unclean to you.

Lev 11:8 You shall not eat of their flesh, nor shall you touch their carcasses; they are unclean to you.

Lev 11:26 For every beast which has a divided hoof but does not have its hoof split in two or chew the cud is unclean to you; everyone who touches them shall be unclean.

Lev 11:27 And whatever goes on its paws, among all beasts that go on all fours, are unclean to you; whoever touches their carcass shall be unclean until the evening.

Lev 11:28 And the one who carries their carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening; they are unclean to you.

Phil 1:9 And this I pray, that your <sup>a</sup>love may abound yet more and more in <sup>b</sup>full knowledge and all <sup>c</sup>discernment,

Phil 1:10 So that you may <sup>a</sup>approve by testing the things which differ and are more excellent, that you may be <sup>b</sup>pure and <sup>c</sup>without offense unto the <sup>d</sup>day of Christ,

Psa 119:15 I will muse upon Your precepts And regard Your ways.

- b. Aquatic animals that have fins and scales signify persons who can move and act freely in the world and at the same time resist its influence (fins help fish to move, to act, in water according to their wishes, and scales protect the fish that live in the sea from being salted)—Lev. 11:9.

Lev 11:9 These you may eat of all that are in the water: anything in the water that has fins and scales, in the seas or in the rivers; these you may eat.

- c. Birds that have wings for flying and that eat seeds of life as their food supply signify persons who can live and move in a life that is away from and above the world and who take things of life as their life supply—v. 13.

Lev 11:13 And these you shall regard as an abomination among the birds; they shall not be eaten; they are an abomination: the great vulture and the bearded vulture and the black vulture

- d. Insects that have wings and have legs above their feet for leaping on the ground signify persons who can live and move in a life that is above the world and who can keep themselves from the world—vv. 21-22.

Lev 11:21 Yet these you may eat of all flying insects that go on all fours, which have legs above their feet with which to leap on the earth;

Lev 11:22 These of them you may eat: the swarming locust of every kind and the swallowing locust of every kind and the cricket of every kind and the grasshopper of every kind.

D. We can eat Him by feasting on Him in the meetings on the unique ground of oneness:

1. The children of Israel could enjoy the produce of the land in two ways: the common, private way was to enjoy it as a common portion at any time, in any place, and with anyone (Deut. 12:15); the special, corporate way was to enjoy the top portion, the first fruits and the firstlings, with all the Israelites at the appointed feasts and in the unique place chosen by God (vv. 5-7, 17-18).

- Deut 12:15 Yet you may slaughter and eat meat within all your gates, in all that your soul desires, according to the blessing of Jehovah your God which He has given you; the unclean and the clean may eat it, as the gazelle and the deer.
- Deut 12:5 But to the place which Jehovah your God will choose out of all your tribes to put His name, to His habitation, shall you seek, and there shall you go.
- Deut 12:6 And there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices and your tithes and the heave offering of your hand and your vows and your freewill offerings and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock;
- Deut 12:7 And there you shall eat before Jehovah your God, and you and your households shall rejoice in all your undertakings, in which Jehovah your God has blessed you.
- Deut 12:17 You may not eat within your gates the tithe of your grain or of your new wine or of your fresh oil, nor the firstborn of your herd or of your flock, or any of your vows which you vow or of your freewill offerings or of the heave offering of your hand;
- Deut 12:18 But you shall eat them before Jehovah your God in the place which Jehovah your God will choose, you and your son and daughter, and your male servant and female servant, and the Levite who is within your gates; and you shall rejoice before Jehovah your God in all your undertakings.

2. Likewise, the enjoyment of Christ by the New Testament believers is of two aspects: the common, private aspect of enjoying Christ at any time and at any place and the special, corporate aspect of enjoying the top portion of Christ in the meetings of the proper church life on the unique ground of oneness, the place chosen by God—Col. 1:12; 1 Cor. 14:26.

Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has <sup>1</sup>qualified you for a share of the <sup>2</sup>allotted <sup>a</sup>portion of the saints in the <sup>3b</sup>light;

1 Cor 14:26 What then, brothers? Whenever you <sup>a</sup>come together, each one <sup>1</sup>has a <sup>b</sup>psalm, has a <sup>c</sup>teaching, has a <sup>d</sup>revelation, has a <sup>e</sup>tongue, has an <sup>f</sup>interpretation. Let all things be done for <sup>2e</sup>building up.

### III. The principle of the tree of life is the principle of dependence on God, and it is realized throughout the whole Bible by those who lived on the line of life:

- A. Abel contacted God in God's way—Gen. 4:4.

Gen 4:4 And Abel also brought an offering from the firstlings of his flock, that is, from their fat portions. And Jehovah had regard for Abel and for his offering.

- B. Seth and Enosh called upon the name of the Lord—v. 26.

Gen 4:26 And to Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time men began to call upon the name of Jehovah.

- C. Enoch walked with God—5:22-24.

Gen 5:22 And Enoch walked with God after he had begotten Methuselah three hundred years, and he begot more sons and daughters.

Gen 5:23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years.

Gen 5:24 And Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

- D. Noah walked with God and worked together with God—6:8-9, 14.

Gen 6:8 But Noah found favor in the sight of Jehovah.

Gen 6:9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generations; and Noah walked with God.

Gen 6:14 Make yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make rooms in the ark and shall cover it within and without with pitch.

- E. Abraham lived in the appearing of God and called upon the name of the Lord—Acts 7:2; Gen. 12:7-8; 17:1; 18:1; James 2:23.

Acts 7:2 And he said, <sup>1</sup>Men, <sup>a</sup>brothers and fathers, listen. The God of <sup>2b</sup>glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was in <sup>c</sup>Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in <sup>d</sup>Haran,

Gen 12:7 And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land. And there he built an altar to Jehovah who had appeared to him.

Gen 12:8 And he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to Jehovah and called upon the name of Jehovah.

- Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram and said to him, I am the All-sufficient God; Walk before Me, and be perfect.
- Gen 18:1 And Jehovah appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre as he was sitting at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.
- James 2:23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And Abraham <sup>a</sup>believed God, and it was <sup>b</sup>accounted to him as righteousness"; and he was called the <sup>c</sup>friend of God.
- F. Moses lived in the appearing and the presence of God—Exo. 3:2, 16; 33:11, 13-15; 25:9.
- Exo 3:2 And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a thornbush. And when he looked, there was the thornbush, burning with fire; but the thornbush was not consumed.
- Exo 3:16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, Jehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, I have surely visited you and seen what is being done to you in Egypt.
- Exo 33:11 And Jehovah would speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his companion. And Moses would return to the camp, but his attendant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart out of the tent.
- Exo 33:13 Now therefore if I have found favor in Your sight, please let me know now Your ways, that I may know You, so that I may continue to find favor in Your sight. Consider also that this nation is Your people.
- Exo 33:14 And He said, My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.
- Exo 33:15 And he said to Him, If Your presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.
- Exo 25:9 According to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its utensils, even so you shall make it.
- G. The children of Israel journeyed in the presence of the Lord—13:21-22; Num. 14:14.
- Exo 13:21 And Jehovah went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them on the way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might go by day and by night.
- Exo 13:22 Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night departed from before the people.
- Num 14:14 And they will tell the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, Jehovah, are in the midst of this people; for You, O Jehovah, are seen eye to eye, and Your cloud stands over them, and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.
- H. Joshua lived and worked in the presence of the Lord—Josh. 1:5-9.
- Josh 1:5 No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you nor forsake you.
- Josh 1:6 Be strong and take courage, for you will cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give to them.
- Josh 1:7 Only be strong and very courageous, being certain to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you. Do not turn away from it to the right or to the left, that you may have success wherever you go.
- Josh 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall muse upon it day and night so that you may be certain to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have success.
- Josh 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and take courage; do not be afraid or dismayed. For Jehovah your God is with you wherever you go.
- I. Gideon fought in and with the presence of the Lord—Judg. 6:12, 16.
- Judg 6:12 And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him and said to him, Jehovah is with you, valiant warrior.
- Judg 6:16 And Jehovah said to him, Surely I will be with you, and you will strike the Midianites as one man.
- J. Samuel prayed and called on the Lord—1 Sam. 12:23; 15:11; Psa. 99:6; Jer. 15:1.
- 1 Sam 12:23 Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I would sin against Jehovah by ceasing to pray for you, but I will instruct you in the good and right way.
- 1 Sam 15:11 I repent that I made Saul king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not fulfilled My words. And Samuel was angry, and he cried to Jehovah all night long.
- Psa 99:6 Moses and Aaron among His priests, And Samuel among those who called on His name— They called out to Jehovah, And He answered them.

- Jer 15:1** And Jehovah said to me, Even though Moses and Samuel were to stand before Me, My soul would not turn toward this people. Send them out of My sight and let them go.
- K. David trusted in God, looked to God, and enjoyed God's life—1 Sam. 17:37, 45; 30:6; Psa. 27:4, 8, 14; 36:8-9.**
- 1 Sam 17:37** And David said, Jehovah, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Go, and may Jehovah be with you.
- 1 Sam 17:45** Then David said to the Philistine, You come to me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come to you in the name of Jehovah of hosts, the God of the ranks of Israel, whom you have defied.
- 1 Sam 30:6** And David was very distressed because the people spoke of stoning him, for the soul of all the people was bitter, every man because of his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in Jehovah his God.
- Psa27:4** One thing I have asked from Jehovah; That do I seek: To dwell in the house of Jehovah All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of Jehovah, And to inquire in His temple.
- Psa27:8** When You say, Seek My face, To You my heart says, Your face, O Jehovah, will I seek.
- Psa27:14** Wait for Jehovah; Be strong, and let your heart be encouraged. Yes, wait for Jehovah.
- Psa36:8** They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures.
- Psa36:9** For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.
- L. Daniel prayed constantly and contacted the Lord continually in utter dependence on Him—Dan. 2:17-23; 6:10-11; 9:2-4; 10:1-3, 12.**
- Dan 2:17** Then Daniel went to his house and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,
- Dan 2:18** That they might request compassions from before the God of the heavens concerning this mystery so that Daniel and his companions would not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.
- Dan 2:19** Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of the heavens.
- Dan 2:20** Daniel answered and said, Let the name of God Be blessed from eternity to eternity, For wisdom and might are His.
- Dan 2:21** And it is He who changes the times and seasons; He deposes kings and causes kings to ascend. He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.
- Dan 2:22** He reveals the deep things and the hidden things; He knows what is obscured in the darkness, And the light dwells with Him.
- Dan 2:23** To You, O God of my fathers, I render thanks and praise, For You have given me wisdom and might; And You have now made known to me what we requested of You, For You have made known the king's matter to us.
- Dan 6:10** Now when Daniel came to know that the writing had been signed, he went to his house (in his upper room he had windows open toward Jerusalem) and three times daily he knelt on his knees and prayed and gave thanks before his God, because he had always done so previously.
- Dan 6:11** Then these men assembled and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God.
- Dan 9:2** In the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by means of the Scriptures the number of the years, which came as the word of Jehovah to Jeremiah the prophet, for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, that is, seventy years.
- Dan 9:3** So I set my face toward the Lord God to seek Him in prayer and supplications with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.
- Dan 9:4** And I prayed to Jehovah my God and confessed; and I said, Ah, Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and lovingkindness with those who love Him and keep His commandments,
- Dan 10:1** In the third year of Cyrus the king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar; and the word was true and concerning a great distress. And he understood the word and had an understanding of the vision.
- Dan 10:2** In those days I, Daniel, had been mourning for three full weeks.
- Dan 10:3** I ate no desirable food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, until the three full weeks were completed.

- Dan 10:12 And he said to me, Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand this matter and to afflict yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.
- M. The Lord Jesus as the tree of life and as the Son of God lived because of the Father—John 6:57; 14:10.
- John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I <sup>a</sup>live because of the Father, so he who <sup>l</sup>eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.
- John 14:10 Do you not believe that I am <sup>a</sup>in the <sup>b</sup>Father and the Father is in Me? The <sup>l</sup>c words that I say to you I do not speak <sup>d</sup>from Myself, but the Father who abides in Me does His works.
- N. The New Testament believers live because of the Lord by eating Him and by abiding in Him so that He may abide in them—6:57; 15:5.
- John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I <sup>a</sup>live because of the Father, so he who <sup>l</sup>eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.
- John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears <sup>a</sup>much fruit; for apart from Me you can do <sup>b</sup>nothing.
- O. Paul lived out the Lord for His magnification—Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:19-21a.
- Gal 2:20 I am <sup>1a</sup>crucified with Christ; and *it is* <sup>2</sup>no longer I *who* live, but *it is* <sup>3b</sup>Christ *who* lives in me; and the <sup>4</sup>life which I now live in the flesh I <sup>e</sup>live in <sup>5</sup>faith, the <sup>d</sup>faith <sup>6</sup>of the <sup>7</sup>Son of God, who <sup>8e</sup>loved me and <sup>f</sup>gave Himself up for me.
- Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to <sup>1a</sup>salvation through <sup>2</sup>your <sup>b</sup>petition and *the* <sup>3</sup>bountiful <sup>e</sup>supply of the <sup>4d</sup>Spirit of Jesus Christ,
- Phil 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to <sup>a</sup>shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be <sup>l</sup>magnified <sup>b</sup>in my body, whether through life or through <sup>e</sup>death.
- Phil 1:21a For to me, to <sup>1a</sup>live is Christ ...
- P. The church as the Body of Christ depends on Christ and lives by Christ as life—Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 3:4.
- Eph 1:22 And He <sup>1a</sup>subjected all things under His feet and <sup>2</sup>gave Him <sup>3</sup>to be <sup>b</sup>Head over all things to the <sup>4c</sup>church,
- Eph 1:23 Which is His <sup>1a</sup>Body, the <sup>2b</sup>fullness of the One who <sup>3c</sup>fills all in all.
- Col 3:4 When <sup>1</sup>Christ our <sup>2a</sup>life is <sup>b</sup>manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in <sup>e</sup>glory.
- Q. The New Jerusalem is sustained by the river of water of life with the tree of life—Rev. 22:1-2, 14, 17.
- Rev 22:1 And <sup>1</sup>he <sup>a</sup>showed me a <sup>2b</sup>river of <sup>3c</sup>water of life, bright as <sup>4d</sup>crystal, <sup>e</sup>proceeding out of the <sup>5f</sup>throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its <sup>6e</sup>street.
- Rev 22:2 And on this <sup>a</sup>side and on that side of the river was the <sup>1b</sup>tree of life, producing twelve <sup>2c</sup>fruits, yielding its fruit <sup>3</sup>each <sup>4</sup>month; and the <sup>5d</sup>leaves of the tree are for the <sup>e</sup>healing of the <sup>f</sup>nations.
- Rev 22:14 <sup>1a</sup>Blessed are those who <sup>2b</sup>wash their <sup>c</sup>robes that <sup>3</sup>they may have <sup>4d</sup>right to the <sup>e</sup>tree of life and may <sup>f</sup>enter <sup>5</sup>by the <sup>g</sup>gates into the city.
- Rev 22:17 And the <sup>1a</sup>Spirit and the <sup>b</sup>bride say, <sup>2c</sup>Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who is <sup>d</sup>thirsty <sup>3e</sup>come; let <sup>4</sup>him who wills take the <sup>f</sup>water of life freely.