

Genesis 2:4-17

☐ Monday - Garden of Delight.

Genesis 2:8-9

“And the Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food (Gen. 2:8-9). This was no Spartan environment, but one that overwhelmed the senses with beautiful sights, fragrant aromas, and mouth-watering tastes. God created Eden for pleasure! The word, “Eden,” itself means *delight*. God “richly supplies us with all things to *enjoy*” (1 Tim. 6:17). And yet God did not create us to be pleasure or thrill-seekers, but rather kingdom-seekers (Mt. 6:33) and God-seekers (Heb. 11:6). God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek *Him*. And how does He reward them? – With “pleasures” and “fulness of joy”! (Psa. 16:11). The pleasure-seeker will know only “*passing* pleasures” (Heb. 11:25) and never know God; but the God-seeker will know both God (Jer. 29:13) and “pleasures *forever*” (Psa. 16:11). So then, God bids us, “Enter into the joy of your Master” (Mt. 25:21,23), but never joy *apart from* your Master. Read Philippians 4:4

☐ Tuesday - Choose Life!

Genesis 2:9

“And out of the ground the Lord God caused to grow ... the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil” (Gen. 2:9). Adam and Eve could not cross the Garden without walking passed those two trees. One tree offered life, the other death (Gen. 2:17). Everyday they had to choose – everyday *you* must choose. The Lord declares, “I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants” (Deut. 30:19). Choose life! Read Joshua 24:15

☐ Wednesday - River of Life.

Genesis 2:10

Of the first Paradise, we read, “Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden” (Gen. 2:10). Likewise, of the Paradise which will one day be restored, we read, “And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb” (Rev. 22:1). Jesus said, “Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life” (John 4:14). “Every one who thirsts, come to the waters...” (Isa. 55:1). Read John 4:14, 7:37-39

☐ Thursday - Delight in the Lord.

Genesis 2:?

Of the first Paradise, we read, “Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden.” Where was the *first* Holy of holies? It was not Solomon’s Temple, or even Moses’ “tent of meeting”, but actually Adam’s Garden. There, in the Garden, God walked with man, spiritually, and in Christ, bodily (Gen. 3:8). Eden means “delight” and by far Eden’s greatest *delight* was the personal presence of Christ. Dear friend, “delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart” (Psa. 37:4). Pagan idols inspire token worship, but the Living God requires His followers to *delight* in Him. Yes, Let us “rejoice *in the Lord!*” Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

☐ Friday - Draw Me Closer.

Genesis 2:8-15

In the second chapter of Genesis we read, “And the Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there *He placed* the man whom He had formed” (Gen. 2:8); and again, “Then the Lord God took the man and *put* him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it” (Gen. 2:15). Adam did not find Paradise through clever searching or stumble upon it by accident, rather, God *led* Him there to have intimate communion with His Son. Jesus said, “No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him” (John 6:44). Friend, “draw near to God and He will draw near to you” (James 4:8). Read Jer. 31:3