

The Tree of Life

*It's Christmas... Time to choose a pretty tree, and to get out the ornaments. Some of us will have a live tree this year, and some will have an artificial one. But here's something to think about. One day, a long time ago, God created a very special tree. It was called **The Tree of Life**. The Bible tells us about it.*

And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the **tree of life** and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

– Genesis 2:9

Now, Adam and Eve were not supposed to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but they disobeyed God and ate from it.

To Adam He said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree ... cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life."

– Genesis 3:17

And the LORD God said, "The man ... must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the **tree of life** and eat, and live forever."

– Genesis 3:22



After He drove the man out, He placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the **tree of life**.

– Genesis 3:24

*From that day, we were all **forbidden to eat** from that special tree. But God gave us some blessings that remind us what the tree is like.*

Wisdom is a **tree of life** to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed. – Proverbs 3:18

The fruit of the righteous is a **tree of life**, and he who wins souls is wise. – Proverbs 11:30

The tongue that brings healing is a **tree of life**, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.

– Proverbs 15:4



*Then God tells us when we will see the real
Tree of Life again. It will be in **heaven**.*

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat
from the **tree of life**, which is in the **paradise of God**.
– Revelation 2:7

*The Bible tells us that there is a river that runs down
the great street in heaven.*

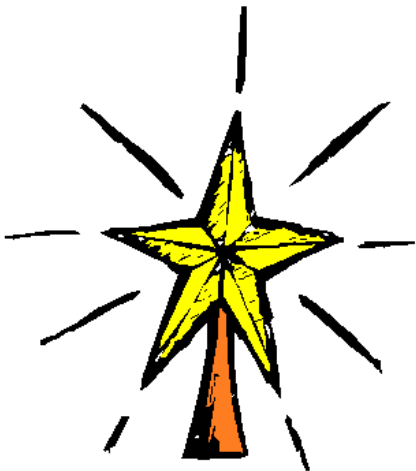


On each side of the river stood the **tree of life**, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every
month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
– Revelation 22:2

Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the
tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.
– Revelation 22:14

God's Word is true – we can be sure of it!

And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his
share in the **tree of life** and in the holy city, which are described in this book.
– Revelation 22:19



*The tree of life isn't a tree that we decorate at Christmas and
then put away in a box for the rest of the year.*

*The **real Tree of Life** is the **Lord Jesus Christ**, who is freely
available to each of us. Without Him, we have no life.*

*So when you decorate your tree this year,
remember to*

***crown your Christmas
with Christ.***

Have a very Merry Christmas !!