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FEEDING & NURTURING LIFE

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Genesis 2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Genesis 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Revelation 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

We are unable to create life. Even the sorcerers were not convinced that Moses was any different from they themselves until he performed that one miracle with the lice.

1. Weren't convinced by Moses rod being turned into a serpent.
2. Weren't convinced by his turning water into blood.
3. Not convinced by bring the plague of frogs.
4. The sorcerers were not convinced until Moses, through the power of God, was able to create lice out of the dirt.

Exodus 8:16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

Exodus 8:17 And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

Exodus 8:18 And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast.

Exodus 8:19 Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

After this judgment the magicians gave up trying to compete.

Note: Why did they stop after this miracle? The reason they stopped was that as primitive lice may seem to you, lice are living organisms. And when Aaron and Moses smote the dust and it became lice they saw God create life out of nothing.

Note: We are powerless to produce life. Only God is the giver of life. Oh, we can have children and multiply, God gave us that command and ability through natural means, but the power to actually create life belongs with God alone.

FEEDING THE LIFE GIVEN YOU

CONSIDER, GOD THE GIVER OF LIFE MADE PROVISION TO SUSTAIN MAN'S LIFE THROUGH EATING WHAT HE CALLED THE TREE OF LIFE!

In the garden it was really simple. God said, here is what you can eat and here is what is forbidden. In the garden there was a wide range of freedom for what man could eat. There was only one limitation for what man could not eat. That off limits tree was called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The tree of life and every other tree was good to eat.

God did not even tell them how much they should eat.

When I was diagnosed as diabetic, the doctor made an appointment for me to go see a diabetic nurse. The nurse tried to talk to me about a diabetic diet.

The diet was so complicated, it was based off of counting carbs. After she went on and on about limitations on how much I could eat, I said to the nurse, "Let's just make this simple what are the things that I can eat and not have limits on? Basically, she said, lettuce and celery. I thought, what am I a rabbit?

Then we heard about a diet that was supposed to put your diabetes in remission. So my wife and I went to find out about it. To my surprise it was very simple. It was based on a list of things that were allowed and a list of things that were forbidden. There was no limit to how much of the allowed foods you could eat. In fact, on this diet you are supposed to eat three main meals and something every two hours in between the meals. So in essence, it is simply this: THIS IS GOOD TO EAT, THIS IS BAD AVOID IT. Almost sounded to me like the biblical command.

I liked that diet because it was simple to follow. Usually no matter where we go there is always something in the allowed menu.

This was the diet God gave Adam and Eve, and in fact the diet God gave the children of Israel was the same. God said this and that you could eat and these foods were from clean animals and the unclean animals the Israelites were forbidden to eat.

Now is it not ironic that from the beginning of time mankind wanted to eat things forbidden?

What is interesting is what God called that tree that would sustain their lives. He called it "THE TREE OF LIFE!"

THERE ARE REALLY ONLY TWO THINGS WE CAN DO TO NURTURE AND SUSTAIN THE LIFE THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US: We are going to talk about these two things this morning.

To sustain Adam and Eve God gave a tree called the Tree of life.

But there was another tree call the knowledge of good and evil.

I would like to nickname the Tree of the Knowledge of good and evil: THE TREE OF DEATH!

The best thing we can do to nurture life is to feed it properly: So we see two things they could eat. Things that killed them and something that would nurture their lives.

To this day we get into trouble by what we eat.

Now this is true with our Physical life as well as our spiritual life.

Pictures of Spiritual feeding:

WHAT IS OUR TREE OF LIFE TODAY?

WHAT IS THERE A TREE OF DEATH TODAY?

Well the physical tree of life is gone. God does not want us to live forever in this world.

The Bible says,

I Corinthians 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

Jesus Said,

John 16:33 In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

There is no Physical Tree of Life for us in our lifetime.

God said.

Genesis 3:17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

Genesis 3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

Genesis 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

God tells us in His word that our salvation must start with spiritual life. Then someday we will be partakers of the resurrection and receive a new physical body. However, the spiritual life must come first. There is no hope for these physical bodies, they are doomed to perish. The spirit will live on eternally, and we are also promised an incorruptible body in the resurrection.

I Corinthians 9:25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

The truth be told is that if you had access to whatever was in the tree of life, you could live forever.

Genesis 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Genesis 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

Genesis 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

That tree is gone and no one knows what it had. The reason men lived longer pre flood was because of the environment that existed pre-flood. That environment consisted of a world that literally was like a greenhouse. There was a consistent temperature throughout the world. This allowed for various vegetation that we no longer have. This sustained larger creatures such as dinosaurs. The Bible teaches that it did not rain, and there was a mist that watered the garden every morning. We see that effect with the great redwoods and sequoias of California. There is a mist that comes off of the Atlantic that waters these great trees and that is why they grow there.

Because men x out God in their lives they are willfully ignorant of these things and try to figure out what's happening in this world without factoring in what the Bible says about our past and what the Bible says about our future. According to the Bible, God is going to restore this world to what it was prior to the flood. That is what is going to happen when Christ returns.

The Bible predicts that there will once again be great increases in vegetation growth.

Amos 9:13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

Men will live longer in that day,

Isaiah 65:20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

Isaiah 65:22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

In that day animals that were predators will eat vegetation.

Isaiah 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

For all this to take place there needs to be a radical change in our environment. That change is happening gradually as we speak. The north pole is melting gradually, as we speak. The scientists are seeing this and panicking. Right now it is a gentle melt. But the Lord predicts devastation in the tribulation. In fact everything that scientists are warning about with climate change, they don't call it global warming anymore because the melting of the Polar caps is causing global cooling! What idiots they are. Those ice caps were never there until the flood and they have been melting and receding ever since the flood! Even a 2nd grade Sunday school

student could figure that out. However, the atheistic scientists boo hoo Sunday School and Bible reading.

In the tribulation God is going to bring devastation to this planet. The Sun will scorch men, there will be great devastation which I believe will pave the way for this Millennial Kingdom predicted in the Bible.

God is going to heat things up:

Revelation 16:8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

Revelation 16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

God is going to evaporate a lot of water:

Revelation 16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

All this I believe will be preparatory to restore planet earth to the condition that it was in prior to the flood. He will restore the canopy of water around the planet. He will change the landscape of planet earth.

Isaiah 40:4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

But the Bible predicts that men are blinded to what God is doing. What is blinding them is their foolish ideas about climate change apart from understanding what God did in the past with the flood. And this is why we read in the Bible:

II Thessalonians 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

II Thessalonians 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Revelation 16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

Revelation 16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

Revelation 16:11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

Now knowing these things, how should we as belonging to God live?

As we see radicals talking about things like THE GREEN NEW DEAL, we can get very frustrated. Why are we surprised as we enter the end times that people are sucked into these things? The Bible says, they are willingly ignorant.

But again we are reminded that we have a heavenly hope and an eternal promise of better things. We have true life. That life is eternal life in the spirit. So what can we do to nurture that life?

The only thing you can do to sustain and nurture life is to feed it.

Only God can give life. If you have life in the spirit be assured that is a gift from God. Nurture that life, feed it.

Every Pastor wants his church to grow. So years ago I set out to do things to try to see numeric growth in our church. After a few years of pursuing these things I saw that such activities were self defeating. What I discovered is that numeric growth and spiritual growth are two different things.

There are only two things that can be done to provide healthy growth spiritually or physically. First, we need the right environment. The reasons the redwoods only naturally grow in California is because of the right environment that allows for their growth.

So one reason we do not live as long as men did before the flood is because the protective canopy around the earth had been removed. Scientists call this the hole in the ozone. Because of this men can not live as long as pre-flood. This was part of the judgment of God against wicked men.

But the second thing that life needs to grow is the right food.

Now let's take these two principles and apply to spiritual growth.

I. WE NEED THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT TO GROW:

The church needs to sustain the right kind of environment to sustain healthy spiritual life.

Now listen, the environment that I am talking about has nothing to do with the physical building. The environment of the church is made up of the people that come to the church. The word church means assembly. You are the environment of the church.

Just as the mist that comes off of the pacific ocean provides nourishment for those giant redwoods so it is that Christians provide an environment for other Christians to be nurtured and to grow.

Paul talked about this in I Cor. 12:

1. THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH MAKE UP THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE CHURCH

I Corinthians 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

I Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

I Corinthians 12:14 For the body is not one member, but many.

The way people grow is by rubbing shoulders with other spiritual people.

The church needs to be a place of nurturing, of love, of encouragement.

Only spiritual people can provide this.

2. CHRIST PLACES PEOPLE IN THE BODY AS IT PLEASES HIM

I Corinthians 12:15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

I Corinthians 12:16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

I Corinthians 12:17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

I Corinthians 12:18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

Only God can do this. God places people into His body.

It is a humbling thing to realize that you have no control of some things.

There is no science to this.
Only God gives life.

3. AN ENVIRONMENT CONSISTS OF MANY FACTORS, NOT JUST ONE:

I Corinthians 12:19 And if they were all one member, where were the body?

I Corinthians 12:20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.

I Corinthians 12:21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

I Corinthians 12:22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

I Corinthians 12:23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

I Corinthians 12:24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:

4. Schisms create a hostile environment to spiritual growth.

There is nothing worth fighting over in the church. There is nothing so important in this world that we should fight over.

I Corinthians 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

I Corinthians 12:25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

I Corinthians 12:26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

I Corinthians 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

Think about it, if the building burns down and we have enough people that want to go on we can still have a church. If that is the case why should we fight over the building?

Usually churches split over some carnal thing. Something that is not important.

The unity and love that the members have for each other in the church provide the environment of the church.

II. The Second Thing We Need For Life Is The Right Food:

1. The word of God is our source of strength and life.

A. Can we give illustrations in the Bible of how the Lord likens the Word of God to our spiritual food?

Acts 5:19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

Acts 5:20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

When Jesus said eat my flesh He had in mind the His word.

John 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

John 6:52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

John 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

John 6:64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

John 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

B. WHAT ARE SOME ILLUSTRATIONS IN THE BIBLE THAT SHOW THAT PEOPLE COULD BE FED SPIRITUAL FOOD THAT WILL HARM THEM?

Matthew 16:5 And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

Matthew 16:6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Matthew 16:7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread.

Matthew 16:8 Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?

Matthew 16:9 Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

Matthew 16:10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

Matthew 16:11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?

Matthew 16:12 Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

What are the teachings that can corrupt us today:

Doctrines of Balaam today.

Doctrines of bitterness today.

Doctrines that are filled with murmuring.

C. PEOPLE NEED GRADUAL FEEDINGS IN THE WORD OF GOD

There are milk truths.

I Corinthians 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

I Corinthians 3:2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

I Corinthians 3:3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

I Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

I Peter 2:3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

There are meat truths.

Hebrews 5:11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

Hebrews 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

Hebrews 5:13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

Hebrews 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

Hebrews 6:2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Hebrews 6:3 And this will we do, if God permit.

III Every believer needs help in the area of being fed. The Pastors Part:

John 21:15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

John 21:16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

John 21:17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Ephesians 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Ephesians 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

I Peter 5:2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

I Peter 5:3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

I Peter 5:4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Acts 8:29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

Acts 8:30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

Acts 8:31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

Acts 8:34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

Acts 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

Acts 8:36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

Acts 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

It's a humbling thing to realize that all you can do as a Pastor to nurture life in the church is to feed God's sheep.

Only God can give life.

Only God can give growth to life.

IV. True and Healthy Sheep Meditate on What they have been fed. The Job of the sheep:

God made sheep with stomachs that can digest food.

Sheep just don't chew and then swallow they actually chew and re chew, having multiple stomachs.

H1897hagah, haw-gaw'; a prim. root comp. 1901; to murmur (in pleasure or anger); by impl. to ponder:-imagine, meditate, mourn, mutter, roar, soar, speak, study, talk, utter.

JOS 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

PSA 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Healthy sheep keep chewing and chewing and digesting their food and break it up into small pieces.

Lord will separate his sheep and his goats.

A goat is not as careful about what it eats...

Zoo: Heard stories goats eat anything, handed goat a plastic wrapper from candy bar.

Goats will feed on anything and murmur and complain.

Sheep will only meditate on the word of God, solves a lot of murmuring.

V. Your spiritual Life is a gift from God and all you need to do to let it blossom and prosper is to feed it the proper spiritual food.

I Timothy 4:13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

I Timothy 4:14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

I Timothy 4:15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

I Timothy 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

All that we can do to nurture life is to feed it healthy food and it will sustain itself. The more we try other means to keep keep ourselves going usually it backfires and in the end it produces death.

The Bible opens with a tree call the Tree of Life.
And a tree called the tree of knowledge of Good and evil.
Which I would like to call the Tree of Death.

The Bible closes with men being given access once again to that tree of life.

The lesson to learn from this is that the most profitable thing that you can do in this life is to spend time feeding that life that is given to you from God with His word. Today that Tree of Life is still with us but not in a physical sense We have no promise of eternal life in this physical world today but we do have the spiritual promise of being able to feed and nourish the spiritual life within us and even within others. The Bible calls the Word of God a tree of life and the Bible calls us a Tree of Life to others when we help others to grow in the Lord..

NOTE THESE VERSES:

1. *The Bible is filled with Wisdom which is called the tree of life:*

Proverbs 3:13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

Proverbs 3:14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

Proverbs 3:15 She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

Proverbs 3:16 Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.

Proverbs 3:17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

Proverbs 3:18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

2. *The Bible says that God's children become a tree of life to others by their witness and good works.*

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

3. *The Bible says that when our hope and desires are based on the will and word of God and God brings these things to pass this becomes a Tree of Life to our lives.*

Psalms 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

4. *The Bible says, that our speech can give life and encouragement to others and thus become a tree of life to other people.*

Proverbs 15:4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.

So today we can have the spiritual tree of life. It is available. Those in the world are searching for a physical tree of life and in fact only have access to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Which is leading to their death.