

Godhood - Chapter 2

1 Chapter Two...

"Life"

"God-Hood & Sonship"

"The relationship between The Father and His Sons."

(The expressed Attributes of God)

2 In the last chapter we examined the principle of God-Life. We found in our examination that before creation God existed alone. In God, existed a Great fountain of Life which we will call God-Life. God then, Who is the Word, gave birth to a Son who is a part of God and in fact was the very expression of God. God imparted His God-Life into His Son.

We found in JOHN 1:4, "In Him was Life and the Life was the Light of man". And in 1 JOHN 1:1

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen [it], and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

3 Therefore we are dealing with God Life. And then if it was God Life which was imparted into His Only Begotten Son, then It would have to be the same God-Life which is also imparted to all of God's Sons. It is this God-Life that we shall examine further in this chapter, which will deal with the relationship between God and His Sons.

4 In the book of Genesis 1:11 God placed a Law to rule over Life and the reproduction of Life. It is called the law of reproduction. And we see in this law that every seed must bring forth after it's Kind. Therefore, if God has a Seed, and we know that His Word is called a Seed, then it must bring forth after it's kind or nature.

5 CURTAIN OF TIME 55-0302

18 God, which was a part of God. God seen what the end would be, from the beginning, and the Logos come to the earth, which was Christ the Word, spoken Word of God, part of God, and was made flesh and dwelled among us. And then, we come out of Christ, which makes the same life that was in God, in Christ, in you. And just as sure as God raised this up, we've got to come with the same thing, if the same Spirit's in us. Because it's the Spirit of God making us sons and daughters of God.

Now, we see here that Brother Branham has just quoted Paul to the Romans when He said, ROMANS 8:11

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

LAW HAVING A SHADOW 54-1203

42 Notice, now in the germ, but when God, when Christ, was in the womb of Mary... You're just a little teeny

germ. Before it was a germ... What's after that germ? Is a life. Then you're in the supernatural; you're in the sixth dimension. You're plumb out of human reasoning. You're into spirit life. Every little germ has a life; that life come from somewhere. The life of the cancer come from the Devil. Your life come from God; that's the difference. And God being manifested in the flesh with Christ Jesus the anointed, wrapped Himself in a Blood cell (Oh, my.) in the womb of Mary, brought forth His Life. He lived a man; He died a man to give His Blood, that through His body, and the shedding of His Blood that every believer could be wrapped in that Blood cell with Him. Which if a borned again Spirit of a man is wrapped in the Blood cell of the Son of God, and God can no more deny you than He could deny Himself. For by one Spirit we're all baptized into one Body, and become partakers of the same Spirit that's in this Blood cell. And the Church is wrapped into the Blood cell of the Life of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah. Then we are sons of God, joint heirs with Jesus Christ in the Kingdom.

LAW OR GRACE 54-1006

97 Now, when Jesus come, it wasn't only human's life, but it was God's own Life, Himself. That's what was in His Blood.

6 CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH 55-0220E

66 Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom." You can't understand it. It's a mystic, mythical thing until you're born again. There the very Life of God comes in you. Everlasting, Eternal Life, Zoe, God's own Life comes in you, and then you're a part of God. You're a Son of God or a daughter of God. And then you see as God sees. You believe as God believes.

7 THE THIRD SEAL 63-0320

254-5 {193} Now, see, they--they--they--they don't want it. They don't want God's Word. Because she held to her traditions, she kept the Word of God from being of non effect. The same now on spiritual Eve, she don't want... She wants to keep her traditions and get away from the Word of God. She holds again to the denominations and their creeds and traditions of her elders instead of taking the Word of God. And when the promise of the Word in the last days is brought to her, she will not receive it, because with her traditions, like the Hebrew bride did, the real Word, though manifested, proven, vindicated, she won't have it. Why won't she? Because there's her type. She can't do it. That's right. She can't beat her type. See? And it's predicted she would do it, so how you going to keep from anything... Now, the only thing to do is be happy you are in. That's all, be ready for it. All right. God promised in the last days that He would manifest and would vindicate His Word to her and still she wouldn't do it. All that God promised her by His servants, the prophets, God promised through Jesus Christ, God promised through Joel, God promised through Paul, God promised through Malachi, John, God promised through John the Revelator, all them prophets, just exactly what the last message would be to her. Now, if you want to write them down, 'course you all know them: Jesus: John 14:12; and Joel: Joel 2:38; Paul: II Timothy 3; Malachi 4th chapter, and John the revelator: Revelations 10:17, 1-17. See? Exactly what would take place now. And to the church, what is it? The incarnate Word made flesh amongst His people again (See?), and they just don't believe it.

8 GOD KEEPS HIS WORD 57-0306

45 Ever who believes on Jesus Christ, I don't mean intellectually believes, but with your heart believes on Jesus Christ, God's Life comes into you and you got Eternal Life. And you pass from death to Life, and Christ said, "He will never come to the judgment, but I'll raise Him up at the last day." Now, that's God's Word for it. Do you believe God's Word or somebody else's? Better take God's Word for it. That's right. For heavens and earth will pass away, but His Word won't. So stay with God's Word.

In the garden of Eden there were two trees: one was Life, one was knowledge. Man left the Tree of Life to eat off the tree of knowledge. Tonight, I would like to examine these words in more detail. Therefore if you will open your Bibles to the Book of Genesis chapter one, we will begin by reading verse 11.

9 GENESIS 1:11

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, [and] the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed [is] in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, [and] herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed [was] in itself, after his kind: and God saw that [it was] good.

In verse 11 and 12 we see the law of reproduction. Every seed must bring forth after it's kind. This word kind spoken of in verse 12 is a Hebrew word miyn and is pronounced meen. The word means specie and refers to nature. "Let every seed bring forth after it's own specie or nature". Therefore, God's Law of reproduction speaks totally against hybreeding. For hybreeding would bring together two different specie or natures and produce a life that is not natural. Then we can see that God's Law of reproduction is meant to be a protective law that would preserve the specie or nature that He placed in the seed.

10 Now, up to this point we also see in these two verses of scripture that God has placed these seeds upon the earth at this time by His spoken Word. They are not yet planted in the earth but the scripture plainly says they are upon (up - on) the earth.

11 Now, we know that you can not see Life, you can only see the attributes of life, such as the color, or scent, or other attributes such the texture, growth rate etc. Therefore life is a spirit. It is invisible, and can only be seen by it's many attributes which it displays. When God spoke these words, the seeds that He placed upon the earth were yet in spirit form. There were no manifestation of these seeds at this time. But God's Word laid out the ordained path in which they were to multiply. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, [and] the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed [is] in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, [and] herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed [was] in itself, after his kind: and God saw that [it was] good.

12 Now, it would appear here that the reproduction is already taking place, but it is not. At least not in the visible sense of the word, for we will see later in verse 14-15 that the sun is not yet created, and if no light of the sun, no life can manifest itself upon the earth. GENESIS 1:14

And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: [he made] the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that [it was] good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

13 Further more, we will also see in verse that these seeds are to be planted in the earth and when they are planted in the earth, then they will grow up out of the earth as God's law dictates in verse 12.

Notice in verse 12 that the earth is to bring forth. That means that they would have to come forth out from the earth, but to this point the seeds are only up and on the earth. They have yet to be planted. But we see in verse 12 the order in which they are to come forth.

Thus, #1) In verse 11 we see the spoken Word seed going forth and producing seeds.

#2) These seeds are placed up and on the earth

#3) they are awaiting there planting in order to spring forth into manifestation out from the earth. This then is

the order in which they are to come forth.

14 Then if we carefully read on in chapter 1 we see all the animals and all the creatures of the sea being spoken into existence and finally man. GENESIS 1:20

And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl [that] may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that [it was] good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that [it was] good.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which [is] upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which [is] the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein [there is] life, [I have given] every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, [it was] very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

15 Now, if we continue reading in chapter 2 we shall find that this is not another account of creation, but a continuation of the same creation account. In chapter One we see only God's spoken Word going forth and speaking into existence spirit beings. But in chapter 2, we see God clothing these spirit beings with the dust of the earth.

16 GENESIS 2:1

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

4 These [are] the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, Notice this word generations is used. It is a Hebrew word, towldah pronounced to led aw, and means the proceedings, or the account of or the results of the creation.

5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and [there was] not a man to till the ground.

17 Now, I want you to notice then, that we are only given an account of the creation up to this point, as the spoken word life, (the spirit life) of each seed and animal. We know this to be true because we are told that this

account of the proceedings is before it was in the earth.

5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew

6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

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. Now, in chapter 1:26-27 we see that God had already created man in His Own Image.

18 Now, notice here that up to this point God had created man in His Image. And we know that, "God is a spirit, and they that Worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and Truth", because that is what Jesus told us Himself in John 4:24.

Now, we see in Genesis 1:26 God speak it,

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: And in verse 27 God performs what He spoke:

27 So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him;. Then in chapter 2 we see God cloth man in dust, giving him manifestation

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.

19 Before we go any further, let's just clear up a few things right here. God is speaking and God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: Now, who is He talking to here? He says, Let us! And then He says our Image! Who is the Image of God in the first place?

20 Hebrews 1: 1-3

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by [his] Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

3 Who being the brightness of [his] glory, and the express image of his person, (The expressed image... or the out-ricing or etching of God.) and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

21 And the AMPLIFIED version says of Him, "He is the sole expression of the Glory of God, - the Light-being, the out-ricing of the Divine, - and He is the perfect imprint and very image of God's nature,"

HEBREWS.CHAPTER.1 57-0821

129 Now, here's what happened. Oh! (excuse me), This just gets me right where I love it. See? The Logos, and this Great Fountain; this Great Fountain of Spirit which had no beginning or no end. This Great Spirit began to form in the creation, and the Logos that went out from It was the Son of God. It was the only visible form that the Spirit had. And It was a theophany, which means a body, and the body was like a man.

22 From the Sermon, QA ON GENESIS 53-0729

10 "out of God came the Logos, which was the Son of God; then out of the Logos, which was the Word ("In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."), out of the Logos came forth the man.

12 Now, "No man has seen the Father at anytime." No man can see God in the bodily form, because God is not

in body form; God is a Spirit. See? All right. "No man has seen the Father, but the only begotten of the Father hath declared Him," I John... See? Now, but notice now, there's nothing; there's just space. There's no light; there's no dark; there's no nothing; it's just seems nothing. But in there is a great supernatural Being, Jehovah God,

13 And now, the next thing we begin to see, by eyes of supernatural looking, we see a little white Light forming out there. What is that? That was called, by Bible readers, "Logos," or "the anointed," or "the anointing," or as I was going to say, the part of God begin to develop into something so human beings could have some type of an idea what It was: it was a little, a little Light moving. That was the Word of God. Now, God gave Himself birth to this Son which was before there was even an atom in the, or air to make an atom. That was... See, Jesus said, "Glorify Me, Father, with the glory that We had before the foundation of the world." See, way back in yonder...

18 And then He asked this question now. "Let us (Who? Father and Son) make man in Our own image." Now, if a man was made something like that little sacred Light yonder, or something like that, It could not be seen (which is a spiritual Being). And here was God, unfolded Himself now, down into "let us make man (which was His son, an offspring from Him) man in Our own image (He was a supernatural being.), and let him have dominion over the cattles of the field, and so forth." Now, the man led the cattle and everything, just like the Holy Spirit leads a real true believer today. The voice of man, would speak and say... call the cattle this way, call the sheep over to this pasture, call the fishes to this water. See, he had dominion; everything obeyed him.

19 Now, but then there was no man to till the soil (Genesis 2), no man to till the soil. "And then God formed man (Genesis 2:7) out of the dust of the earth." Now, we follow it; He formed man out of the dust of the earth, and put this supernatural Spirit...

23 Now, in getting back to this creation scene, we pick up in chapter 2 and verse

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

9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; Now, let's stop here just for a moment, and I would like for you to notice that God is now planting. The Scripture tells us that God plants, and then out from the ground comes forth every tree that is good for food and pleasant tot he sight. I can just imagine all the color and aroma and beautiful fruit coming forth from this garden.

24 But if you carefully notice all the trees that were planted in the ground by God were good for food or the sight. But let's read on, because we find that there are two other trees which are found also in this garden but we do not know how they got there, because these two are not said to be planted. .

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 (is) in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Now, let's skip ahead to verse 15:

15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

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

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.

18 And the LORD God said, [It is] not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought [them] unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that [was] the name thereof.

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

25 Now, remember, in chapter one everything God spoke forth, all life forms that God spoke forth did come

forth in a spirit form only. But now, God is bringing them also into manifestation by clothing them of the dust of the earth. Therefore, just remember this. The Spoken word is the original seed. Now, we promised that we would examine where these two other trees came from. As you have seen in chapter two, God planted every tree in the garden except two of them. These two trees are different from all other trees, because all the other trees were planted, but these two trees were not planted. So, where did these two trees come from, and what or shall we say who were these two trees.

26 In order to be able to distinguish between two of anything, we must have a way to categorize them. Since the Law of reproduction was that every seed must bring forth only after it's own kind, then we have a principle laid down. And that is this, if every seed has a life within it, and every seed can bring forth only after it's own kind or nature, then we must look at the nature of these two trees which were not planted and see what their nature tells us about them.

27 After all, in any field of science we designate differences based upon what we can see. This is called empirical data which is observable data. We can tell the difference between a maple tree and an oak tree by empirical data. The shape of the leaves, the nature of the bark, the shape of the tree, etc. This form of science is called Botany, which is a branch of Biology that deals with plants, their life, their structures, their growth, their characteristics, and thus their classifications. Therefore, if we are to understand the differences between these two trees which were in the garden but were not planted there, we must begin by examining their characteristics in order to be able to define their nature.

28 The first one we shall examine is this tree of Life. Notice its name speaks of life. It is the Tree of Life. Now, if we are to find anything out about this Tree we must go to the Source of Life, which is God Himself, and He since he is the Word, then if we are to find out about this tree of Life, we must go to the Word of God.

29 We already know that God is the Source of all Life. In the beginning God was a great fountain of Life as we see in PSALMS 36:9

"For with thee [is] the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light." We also found that John recognized this attribute of God as well. John 1: 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

30 God was alone in the beginning, and in Him was Life. And as He began to bring forth this Life, it first went into His Son. So we see, God, the great Fountain of Life, began to bring forth His great plan to fulfill Himself, and He began this fulfillment by bringing forth first a Son. We find in JOHN 5:26

"For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;"

31 Now, one thing that we must not forget, Adam was not forbidden to eat from the Tree of Life. He was only forbidden to eat from the tree of knowledge. In the Book of REVELATION 2:7

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. So we see that God wanted man to eat from the tree of Life, but before he could, he had already partook from the tree of Knowledge, and when he did this, he had to reap the promise, "The day you eat thereof, that day you shall surely die."

32 GENESIS 2:16

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

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. Therefore, man could have eaten from the tree of Life. But notice what happened after he had eaten from the forbidden tree of knowledge. GENESIS 3:22-24

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

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..

33 Therefore, God sent forth a fiery sword in the hands of the cherubims to keep, protect and guard the way of the tree of Life. Man could not eat from the Tree of life in his fallen condition.

34 Now, so far we haven't seen too much concerning this Tree of Life. We know that in it are the essential characteristics of Life and this Life came from God who is the fountain of Life. But why is it described as a tree. That is what throws men off in their search for the truth. God uses types and shadows and men then are left to themselves to decipher what is not meant for them to know. Remember in Matthew 13 Jesus said "it is for you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom, but for those on the outside it is not meant for them to know, therefore, He speaks to us in parables." Therefore we must know what the symbolism of this Tree represents.

35 PSALMS 1:1-3 PSALMS 1:1 Blessed [is] the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight [is] in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

36 Now, there is no doubt that the scripture metaphorically speaks of men as trees. We found this in the first Psalm, where a righteous man is likened to a tree that is planted by the river of water, and we find it also in the Book of Jude where it refers to the natural man.

37 JUDE 1:10

But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds [they are] without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

38 And we see trees represent men in general as we see in MARK 8:22

And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.

39 But Who then is this tree of Life? We find our answer in the Book of ISAIAH 53:1

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, [there is] no beauty that we should desire him.

40 Now, all Bible readers know that this speaks of our Lord Jesus Christ. And so we see then that He is the tree of Life that was in the Garden. Then who was this other tree, the tree of knowledge. Well, we have already seen in the Book of Jude that those who are called brute beasts are also called trees. but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. 11 Woe unto them! for they are trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

41 Therefore, if the scripture speaks of men, both the righteous and the unrighteous, as trees. Then if they are trees, they would have to be descended from trees, for every seed must bring forth after it's kind. Now, don't think it strange that men are likened to trees, after all men are also likened to wheat and tares, and as the grass of the field. But for this study we will look only at the metaphorical view as trees, since we are dealing with these two individuals in the Garden of Eden that were not planted there. Now, Brother Branham taught us that these two trees were Christ and Satan. From the Church Age Book, he said, "We start with the fact that there were TWO trees in the midst of the garden. The Tree of Life was Jesus. The other tree is definitely Satan because of what came forth of the fruit of that tree. Now then, we know that both of those trees had a relationship to man or they would never have been placed there."

42 Another thing we must understand is if one tree was the Tree of Life, then the other called the tree of Knowledge was also the tree of death, "for in the day you eat thereof, that day you die" is what God said. We hear brother Branham tell us the same in the message, The Pool Of Bethesda 50-0811 "In the garden of Eden, there were two trees. One of them was the Tree of Life. When man eat from that tree, he'd lived forever. And the other was the tree of knowledge, which was the tree of death, which was the tree of sickness."

43 FAITH ONCE DELIVERED TO SAINTS 53-1129A Now, the Tree of Life, I believe, was Jesus Christ. "He that eats My flesh and drinks My Blood has Everlasting Life." He is the Tree of Life.

44 EPHESIAN CHURCH AGE - CHURCH AGE BOOK CPT 3

97-4But what is the Tree Of Life? Well, first of all we would have to know what the tree itself stands for. In Numbers 24:6, as Balaam described Israel, he said they were "trees of lign aloes (perfume trees) which the Lord hath planted." Trees throughout the Scriptures refer to persons, as in Psalms 1. Thus the Tree Of Life must be the Person of Life, and that is Jesus. Now in the Garden of Eden there were two trees standing in the midst of it. One was the Tree Of Life, the other was the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Man was to live by the Tree Of Life; but he was not to touch the other tree or he would die. But man did partake of the other tree, and when he did, death entered into him by his sin, and he became separated from God. Now that Tree back there in Eden, that Tree which was the source of life, was Jesus. In John, chapters six through eight, Jesus sets Himself forth as the source of eternal life. He called Himself the Bread from heaven. He spoke of giving Himself and that if a man ate of Him he would never die. He proclaimed that He knew Abraham, and that before Abraham, He WAS. He prophesied that He Himself would give them living waters that if man drank he would never thirst again, but would live eternally. He showed Himself as the GREAT I AM. He is the Bread Of Life, the Well Of Life, the Eternal One, the TREE OF LIFE. He was back there in Eden in the midst of the garden even as He will be in the midst of the paradise of God. Some have an idea that the two trees in the garden were just two more trees like unto the rest of those that God had placed there. But careful students know that this is not so. When John the Baptist cried that the axe was laid to the root of all trees, he was not talking of simply natural trees, but of spiritual principles. Now in I John 5:11 it says, "And this is the RECORD, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." Jesus said in John 5:40, "And ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life." Thus the record, God's Word, states plainly and clearly that LIFE, ETERNAL LIFE, is in the Son. It is no other place. I John 5:12, "He that hath the Son hath LIFE; and he that hath not the Son of God hath NOT Life." Now since the record cannot change, be taken from or added thereunto, then the record stands that THE LIFE IS IN THE SON... Since this is so, THE TREE IN THE GARDEN HAS TO BE JESUS. All right. If the Tree Of Life is a person, then the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil is a person ALSO. It can't be otherwise. Thus the Righteous

One and the Wicked One stood side by side there in the midst of the Garden of Eden.

45 Ezekiel 28:12b-

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum,(though sealest up the Token, the pattern) full of wisdom,(fullness of Wisdom) and perfect in beauty.

13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone [was] thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

14 Thou [art] the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee [so]: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 Thou [wast] perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.(the word iniquity here is a Hebrew word evel and it speaks of un-right-wise-ness and having a wrong word in his mouth)

16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane (or polluted) out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted (perverted) thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never [shalt] thou [be] any more.

46 POWER OF TRANSFORMATION 65-1031M

280 And notice in the church life. It used to be in the church life long ago, when the prophet had something to say, THUS SAITH THE LORD, the people moved. They stayed right with it. They moved. But now, "I don't like that guy. Vote him out." See, see? That it? See, they don't have understanding no more. The people just don't move by the Spirit of God anymore. God's Word is His Spirit, and His Word comes to His prophet. And the Word is supposed to transform you from what the things of the world are, into the image of sons and daughters of God. And the Word can only come through these prophets, as they spoke. And it had to be compared with the Word, and show that it was the Word. Then if you accept that Word, It'll transform you from a son of God, or a daughter--or, from a son of the world, the daughter of the world to a son and daughter of God.