

THE TREE OF LIFE

BIBLE REFERENCE GUIDE #9

- Genesis 2:9** God created the tree of life as part of His plan to give mankind eternal life.
- Genesis 3:22–24** Man lost access to the tree of life and became subject to death.
- Revelation 22:2–7** The tree of life spans the river of life and yields a new crop every month. Those who obey God will gain access to the tree of life in the new “Eden” in heaven and have an eternal and abundant life. (See also Revelation 22:2, 14.)
- 1 Cor. 15:19** Our hope is in Christ and not in the things of this world.
- Hebrews 11:10, 16** God has prepared an eternal city for the righteous that is free from the problems of earthly cities.
- Revelation 3:12** The name of that eternal city is the New Jerusalem.
- Phil. 3:20, 21** God will give us new bodies that are fit to dwell in His eternal city.
- 1 Corinthians 2:9** The glories of the world to come cannot be totally comprehended by us now. It is a place of unspeakable joy.
- Psalms 16:11** The ultimate happiness, love, and life will be found in heaven and the earth made new.
- Revelation 21:2, 3** The righteous will be privileged to have God Himself dwell among them. The throne of God will be moved to the new earth.
- John 14:1–3** Jesus longs for us to be with Him, which is what brings us the greatest of all joys.
- Isaiah 65:21, 22** We will have time to build country homes and plant our own vineyards.
- Matthew 5:5** It is those who are meek and faithful to God now that will inherit the earth in its recreated state.
- Revelation 22:4** We will have personal contact with God and be able to talk freely with Him as our Father and Creator.
- Isaiah 41:31** Heaven will be a place of unspeakable joy as all earthly sickness and handicaps are gone.
- Revelation 21:4** God will wipe away all tears. Painful memories will be forgotten and only joy will remain.
- Isaiah 65:25** The animals will be friendly and all will feel safe around them.
- Revelation 21:25** God’s city will have open gates because it is forever safe from attack and will reign for eternity.
- Romans 8:18** The reward of the faithful will far outweigh the hardships of this life.
- 2 Cor. 4:17, 18** We are to see through the eyes of faith what the physical eye cannot now see and live for those things to come.
- Revelation 14:4** Those who are saved will have first learned to follow Jesus now so that they can follow and dwell with Him forever in the next life.
- Revelation 21:5** The things that God has promised are true and faithful and we can trust in them.

THE ABUNDANT LIFE

- John 10:10** God has always wanted us to have an abundant life.
- 3 John 1:2** God wants us to be healthy physically as well as spiritually.
- Psalms 84:11** God will not hold back anything that is good for us.
- Exodus 15:26** If we are obedient and follow what God says, we can have greater blessings from God in regard to shelter from disease.
- 1 Cor. 10:31** Whatever we eat or drink, it should be to God's glory.
- 1 Cor. 6:19, 20** Our bodies are not our own. The Holy Spirit wants to dwell there and we must glorify God in our bodies and spirit.

THE EDEN DIET

- Genesis 1:29** God's original diet in Eden was vegetarian, and this will return in the new Eden.

THE DIET AFTER THE FLOOD

- Genesis 9:1–5** God allowed the consumption of clean meats.

GOD'S COUNSEL ON DIET

- Proverbs 20:1** Wine (fermented) is a mocker. We should not be deceived by partaking of it.
- Proverbs 23:29–32** Alcohol brings sorrow, contention, stupidity, and wounds. God's counsel is that we are not even to look upon it.
- Isaiah 5:20–24** Woe to those who drink strong drink and wine (fermented).
- Isaiah 65:8** "New Wine" as found in the cluster (a bunch of grapes) is a blessing (Matt. 26:29). This verse demonstrates the Bible usage of the word "wine" in more than one sense. It can also refer to the juice of the grape in the unfermented state.
- Genesis 7:1–2** In the beginning, with Noah, God made a distinction between clean and unclean animals. God clearly forbade man to eat unclean animals in that only two (male and female) were taken into the ark. (Note: Some will say this was a Jewish law only—but *this was centuries before the Jews*).
- Leviticus 11:1–10** This passage tells us how to differentiate between the clean and the unclean animals. The land animals must have a cloven hoof and chew the cud. God also tells us how to distinguish the clean from the unclean fish and seafood. To be clean for human consumption, it must have fins and scales.