

Chapter 1 Module 6 – The Four Themes Part C

Foundation Scriptures: Matt 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

Overview: The Bible can be described as having 3 major themes, which are Love, Salvation and Power. Because of these three themes, God gave two explicit commands to Adam and Eve. They were to (1) replenish the earth and (2) live in authority and dominion over the earth. What is not as obvious is that God also gave two implicit commissions. Adam and Eve (Mankind) were to be (3) God's representative on earth and (4) were to live and not die.

These four Adamic Commissions represent **four secondary themes** of the Bible which come into fulfillment in the Ending Days as described in the Book of Revelation. So far, we have studied the themes: (1) Replenish the Earth and (2) Dominion over the Earth (3) Living in the Image and Likeness of God or the Glorious Church. Today we cover (4) Eating of the Tree of Life or Overcoming the Last Enemy.

A. Eating of the Tree of Life

1. Old Testament

a) Covenant Promises

Gen 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.

Gen **3:22** 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:**

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

Gen **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.

Pro 15:4a A wholesome tongue is a tree of life.

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

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Pro 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall **eat the fruit** thereof.

Psa **102:18** This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

Psa **102:19** from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

Psa **102:20** To hear the groaning of the prisoner; **to loose those that are appointed to death.**

Isa 25:8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; for the LORD hath spoken it.

b) Covenant Failure

Gen 3:6 Adam failed when he disobeyed God and ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Each person failed when s/he chose sin (disobedience) over God.

Gen 5:24 Enoch and Elijah (2 Kings 2:11) were obedient to God and did not die.

2. New Testament

a) Covenant Promises

Rom 6:4 We are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Rom 8:6 For **to be carnally minded is death**; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (*i.e., Jesus took all your sins, so you are free from the wages of sin. Jesus died for you, so that you don't have to die.*)

Rom 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end **everlasting life**.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Joh **6:47** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

Joh **6:50** This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. v51 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,

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Joh **6:58** This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

Joh **11:25** Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

Joh **11:26** **And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.** Believest thou this?

Joh 21:21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?

Joh 21:22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?

Joh 21:23 Went this saying abroad among the brethren, **that disciple should not die**: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?

2Ti 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath **abolished death**, and hath brought life and **immortality** to light through the gospel:

Heb 2:14 He also himself likewise took part of the same (*i.e., of flesh and blood*); that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.

b) Covenant Failure

Hos 4:6 My people perish for lack of knowledge.

2 Cor 5:7 Disobeying this Scripture by walking by sight (*i.e., by what we know in the natural*) and not by faith (*i.e., by believing and living God's Word*) will result in failure.

3. Ending Days

a) Covenant Promises

1Co 15:26 **The last enemy** that shall be destroyed is death.

1Co 15:51 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

1Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Th 4:17 Then we which are **alive and remain** shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Rev 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.

Rev 22:14 Blessed are they that **do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life**, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it (*i.e., the church*) with the washing of water by the word, v27 That he might present it to himself a **glorious church**, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

b) Covenant Failure

1Thes 4:17 Dying before the Rapture or not remaining true to Jesus (*i.e., falling away from the Gospel of Jesus Christ*).

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first (*i.e., the apostasy*), and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;