

THE BRIEF

The Bright and Morning Star

For every problem, there is a solution, and the creation of Adam offered a solution to the consequence of sin, which is everlasting death (cf. Rom. 6:23a). However, it was essential that Adam willingly obey God's word (cf. Mt. 4:4). Otherwise, he would be guilty of sin and therefore unsuitable as a ransom for the sin of Satan and his co-conspirators. Also, as with Jesus Christ, Adam would have to be willing to give up his position in the spirit realm to become a flesh and blood human being, and then die in order to provide forgiveness of sin for every repentant sinner. With this background, we can now examine Adam and his suitability for this very important commission.

The location of Adam's creation had "the tree of life" in its midst (cf. Gen. 2:9). This tree is a metaphor for Jesus Christ who is the source of instruction in righteous behavior that leads to everlasting life (cf. Mt. 19:17),

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life (everlasting). He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live" (John 11:25; cf. 14:6; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; Ed. note in parenthesis).

This "tree of life" exists in the heavenly realm,

To him who overcomes (sin) I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God (Rev. 2:7b; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

And he (a loyal angel) showed me (John) a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and the Lamb (Christ).



Blessed are those who do His commandments,

² *In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations (Revelation 22:1-2; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city (of God) (Revelation 22:14; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Consequently, Adam would have resembled what Christ looked like following his ascension to the Paradise of God (cf. Acts 1:9-11). However, because Adam sinned, he was transformed into a flesh and blood human who would die. This will be examined in "The Brief #106",

"Behold my (Christ's) hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Handle me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.⁴¹ But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, he said to them, "Have you any food here?"⁴² So they gave him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.⁴³ And he took it and ate in their presence (Luke 24:39-43; cf. Jn. 20:27; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Just as Christ had flesh and bones (minus the blood shed at his crucifixion; cf. Jn. 19:34), so Adam had flesh and bones prior to his transgression against God's word,

Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman, and he brought her to the man.²³ And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man (Genesis 2:22-23; emphasis added).

