

Thank you for joining us today for Take Ten.

Currently, we are on a journey to discover facts found in the Bible about sickness and healing. Today's focus is that **health was natural and eternal before the fall.**

God's original creation, Adam, knew nothing of sickness before the fall.

Genesis 1:26-31

"Then **God** (Elohim - Plural) 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 birds of the air, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Elohim is plural of Elowahh, implying that the triune Godhead was at work with humankind from the beginning - God the Father, the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We receive further confirmation in the following statement, "let us make man in our image."

Adam was fearfully and wonderfully made in God's image - and so are you. God is triune, and so are you - possessing a spirit, soul, and body. God gave Adam dominion over all things on this planet.

So God created man in His own image;
in the image of God He created him;
male and female He created them.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

29 Then God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is on the face of all the earth and every tree which has fruit yielding seed. It shall be food for you. 30 To every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth which has the breath of life in it, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

31 God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

We don't know how long Adam lived in the garden. We don't know how long Eve lived in the garden - their DNA was intact, which was God's DNA.

The only reference we have on the age of Adam is that he had enough time to name every living creature and that he had enough time to experience loneliness.

There was no temple or place of worship in the garden. It wasn't necessary. Man was already in full relationship with God.

Sin was not a part of their makeup - neither was death, sorrow, disease, sickness, poverty, addiction, bondage, or destruction.

God made the earth and then gave Adam dominion over the world and everything on it. Man had free access to the tree of life and could partake all they wanted. They were clothed with God's glory and in His likeness.

Wisdom is a tree of life - Proverbs 3:18

Righteousness is a tree of life - Proverbs 11:30

Hope is a tree of life - Proverbs 13:12

A **wholesome tongue** is a tree of life - Proverbs 15:4

The tree of life in Eden must have played a role in nourishing the life of Adam and Eve. That is until they partook of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. From then, God didn't want them to experience both.

Genesis 3:22-24, "The Lord God said, "The man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil. And now, he might reach out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" — **23** therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. **24** He drove the man out, and at the east of the garden of Eden He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword which turned in every direction, to guard the way to the tree of life."

Adam would have "lived forever," even in his fallen state, if he had eaten the tree of life after his sin.

Sin and sickness are two fruits from the same tree.

Sin and sickness are always grouped together.

Sin, sickness, and death came in by your enemy into the garden.

Sin entered the world through one person, and death took place through sin, disease through sin, sorrow through sin, sickness through sin - these are works of the devil; they are not part of God.

Sin and sickness are part of the fall. They are not part of how God designed Adam and Eve to live, nor you and I.

Interesting when it comes to trees. It took one more tree to reprieve sin and sickness. It took the cross.

1 Peter 2:24 "He Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. "By His wounds you were healed"

Galatians 3:13 "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law by being made a curse for us—as it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.”

Our curse is removed because Christ became a curse for us. The restoration is done; you were healed 2000 years ago.

In the book of Revelation, Jesus told the church in Ephesus that if they overcame, Jesus would permit them, once again, to eat of the tree of life. Revelation 21 and 22, the last two chapters in the Bible, finish up with a new heaven and new earth. Once again, like in the garden, there will be no temple in the city. The Lord God and the Lamb will be its temple. The tree of life will bear fruit again for all who obey God's commands. Rev. 22:14

More importantly, right now, we can tap into the exact source of life, which is found in Jesus Christ.

Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who remains in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit. For without Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5).

And also, "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6.

You and I don't have to wait to eat from the tree of life in Revelation. I'm sure it will be enjoyable, and I'm looking forward to it, but we can enjoy the life of God right now, in Christ. We don't have to wait for our healing and destruction of sin. Christ paid the price, once and for all, 2000 years ago.

Something to remember: You are God's Workmanship, fearfully and wonderfully made. You were never designed to carry sickness and disease.

We will continue with point two - Death and sickness originated with sin and are cultivated by Satan.