

The Tree of Life

Dispensations of time where the tree of life exists and the relationship between God and man.

COLUMN A	COLUMN B	COLUMN C	COLUMN D
The Garden of Eden (Pre-fall)	The Probationary State (Post-fall)	Paradise of God (Post-death/Pre-judgment)	The Holy City - New Heaven and New Earth (Post-judgment)
<p>Man is created lower than the angels and higher than the animals. Created in God's image. Gen. 1:27; Heb. 2:7-8</p> <p>Man eats from the tree of life in the Garden of Eden. Gen. 2:9,16-17</p> <p>Man walks and talks with God. God's word is with man, Gen. chapters 2 & 3, John 1:1.</p> <p>Man has eternal life in his state of innocence. In man's state of innocence, he knows no joy, 2 Nephi 2:22,23.</p> <p>God's love exists but man cannot discern it.</p>	<p>The punishment for sin is death, temporal and eternal, Alma 12:27</p> <p>Man is cast out of the Garden of Eden and is banned from the tree of life, Gen. 3:22-24, Alma 12:21-23.</p> <p>God sends angels to speak to men and men begin to call upon His name through His Son, Jesus. Alma 12:29-30, Moroni 7:22,24,25.</p> <p>Man gains hope of eternal life (access to the tree of life) through repentance and the plan of redemption, Alma 5:62, 12:33,34.</p> <p>Man experiences God's love and joy, 1 Nephi 8:12, 11:25 2 Nephi 2:25.</p> <p>God accepts Abel's sacrifice but not Cain's. God converses with Cain. Genesis 4:4-7.</p> <p>God communicates with man through His Holy Spirit. 1 Nephi 10:17-19.</p> <p>Through His condescension, God is physically present with man, Luke 2:8-14.</p> <p>After His ascension, God sends the Holy Ghost to abide with believers, John 20:22, 3 Nephi 19:9-15,20.</p> <p>Jesus returns to earth with power and glory, Acts 1:11, Matt. 24:30</p>	<p>Tree of life exists amid the paradise of God. Paradise is for those who overcome. Overcomers eat from the tree of life, Rev.2:7.</p> <p>Paradise is a state of rest and peace, and happiness, Alma 40:12.</p>	<p>Living waters proceed from the throne of God and of the Lamb. Tree of life planted in the living waters, Rev.21:1-4, Rev.22:1-5.</p> <p>Citizens of the city can partake from the tree of life. Citizenship occurs by obeying God's commandments, Rev.22:14.</p> <p>Citizenship is eternal. Man and God dwell together, Rev.21:4.</p> <p>The fulfillment of God's word for those that overcome.</p>