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Revelation 22:1-5

- ¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
- ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
- ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.
- ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.
- ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Life on earth is for the preparation for eternity: The purpose of life is to choose life

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

- ¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. **Now choose life**, so that you and your children may live
- ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. **For the LORD is your life...**

True success of life is to have the right attitude by trusting God and standing on His promises

Genesis 45:4-5

- ⁴ ...Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!
- ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

God sees us by our attitude in each moment of life. And we are not just responding to the situation in life. We are also responding to God in each circumstance.

Psalms 119:71

- ⁷¹ It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.

Job 23:10

- ¹⁰ God knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

Hebrews 11:13

- ¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

God's invitation for us to His ultimate value system

Revelation 22:17

- ¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.