Week 8: Heavenly Food

Read from Voyage of the Dawn Treader (kindle version~ pages 210-211, 221-223)

{Read 2 exerpts from Kat Kerr’s books:

1. Revealing Heaven (pages 119-120)~ Eternal Planning ☺
2. Revealing Heaven II (pages 72-75)~ Worship}

INTRO: Heavenly Food that we are looking at: Tree of Life & Hidden Manna

Rewards are only given to the people who obey the conditions and they will be given in measure; Jesus calls all of us believers to live in such a way to receive heavenly rewards; these rewards are given according to how we respond to Jesus

Revelation 2:23, “I am He who searches hearts and minds and I will repay each of you according to your deeds”. Deeds=what we do with our time, money, resources, energy, possessions, talents, gifts, etc.

In this age=a little bit of the rewards

In the Millennium age= a greater measure

In Eternal Kingdom= the fullest expression of the rewards

1. Tree of Life~
2. **SPECIAL PRIVILEGE** to those who overcome: “*To him who* ***overcomes****, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God*,” Revelation 2:7
3. The **tree of life is connected with a way of life**~ one that requires overcoming and living in loving obedience to Him
4. This tree of life is more than just a food supply
5. There is a **connection between the tree of life and man’s rule over the earth**
6. Tree of life was available to Adam & Eve in the garden “paradise” and their assignment was to ‘tend the garden’ and rule and subdue the earth (Genesis 2:9 “*The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden…”*)
7. Adam & Eve walked in intimacy with God in the garden; a sanctuary; eternal life
8. In their unfallen state, they had the “right” to eat from the tree of life
9. Those who overcome will have a level of privilege in the Paradise of God that others won’t have
10. **HEALING** for all the nations from this tree: “*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*,” Revelation 22:2
11. During the Millennial age, the tree of life will heal all the hurts of the nations~ God’s people will help facilitate this healing balm to the nations from the tree of life
12. The river of life gives a constant stream of blessing and refreshment, which is flowing from the throne of God and from the Lamb (Revelation 22)
13. **THE RIGHT**: Revelation 22:14, “*Blessed are those who wash their robes; that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city,”*
14. Those who continually live in obedience to Jesus have the right to the tree of life
15. Just as satan deceived Eve in the garden; causing her to doubt God’s character & nature, he will do the same with us~ which could leave us without access if we do not remain faithful to Him.
16. Will there be those who do not have access into the city?
17. **CAN BE LOST**: Revelation 22;19, “*And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City which are described in this book*”.
18. Remain faithful to the end
19. 4 FRUITS FROM THIS TREE: We will need these to flourish in the Millennial Kingdom: Proverbs
20. **WISDOM**: Proverbs 3:18, “She (Wisdom) is a tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed”.
21. Wisdom to rule rightly
22. **RIGHTEOUSNESS** (uncompromising): Proverbs 11:30, “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise”
23. Reigning on the earth in the Millennial age calls for uncompromising righteousness
24. **SATISFIED HOPE**: Proverbs 13:12, “Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.”
25. Healing to the nations will bring a longing fulfilled to their hearts
26. **HEALING POWER IN THE TONGUE**: Proverbs 15:4, “A gentle tongue (with its healing power) is a tree of life…”
27. Hidden Manna
28. “*To him who* ***overcomes****, I will give some of the hidden manna*….” Revelation 2:17
29. Food for our souls (Spiritual nourishment)
30. Manna was hidden in the golden pot and put in the ark of the testimony which speaks to receiving deep insights in the Word;

Speaks of eating the hidden manna as we live in the Holy of Holies of God’ manifest Presence

1. We need to feed on the manna of Jesus (Jesus is the bread of life~ John 6:51)
2. The hidden manna satisfies our deepest longing and hunger
3. We need to search it out ~ it is “hidden”
4. The one who overcomes is promised full enjoyment of something he already has a foretaste of.

End with “Finger of God” ~ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzG928yZQ1E