

The secret of
flourishing
Gen 2:4-17

1. We owe everything to God – Gen.2:5-8

a. He “formed” us – v.7 cf. Ps.139:13-16

“Adam” - man

“Adamah” – ground

b. He breathed life into us - cf. John 20:22

Gen.1 – God – Elohim Creator

Gen.2 – LORD God – Yahweh Elohim

Creator & Covenant Saviour Ex.3

c. He gave us our world – v.5-8

2. The incredible generosity of God – v.8-15

Eden – “delight”. God fills garden/world:-

- beautiful & fruitful trees –v.9
- the “Tree of Life” – central – v.9
- plenty of water – v.10-14
- rich resources – v.11,12
- work – v.15

3. The wisdom of God –v.16,17

v.16 – Fullness & freedom

v.17 – wise restriction

Choose – Life or Death

- Tree of Life or knowledge of good & evil

- Live under God's rule or be your own god

cf. 10 commandments – Ex.20

4. Living joyfully & wisely

When God is at the centre we find:-

a. Our joy is full – 1 Tim.6:17; Phil.4:4-7

Tree of Life – Gen.2; Rev.22:1,2; Ez.47

b. We live life wisely – “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”

- make Jesus Lord of your life

- begin the day with God & live each day in his presence

- trust & obey God