

## The water and the tree of life



The description of the heavenly city is continued here. There is the river of the water of life – the pure, unadulterated truth of the word of God. The tree of life is there as well. In the Garden of Eden, the way to the tree of life was barred for man because of sin. But at the end of man's history, this tree will be a blessing for all nations (v2).

Where the authority of God and the Lord Jesus (the throne) is recognised, there will be no more curse, but joyful service to God (vv3-4). This is the first time, though not the only time, in this last chapter of the Bible, that you hear the promise of the Lord Jesus: Behold, I am coming quickly (v6)!



57. What does the text say about the position, the fruit and the leaves of the tree of life?

58. How does John react to the revelation given to him by the angel?

59. What does the angel answer him?



The instruction of the angel is always up to date: Worship God!



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