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"I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.

Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.

Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. And all dominions shall serve and obey Him." Dan. 7:13-14 and 27, NKJV.

Lecture 10: The Restoration of the Tree of Life

The Climax of the Kingdom

Scripture brings us to a triumphant declaration: *"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever."* Rev. 11:15, AMP.

This is not merely a future announcement; it is the **inevitable culmination** of all that God has been working toward since the beginning. What was planted as a seed in Christ, nurtured through generations, and formed within His people, now reaches its appointed unveiling.

The Kingdom does not arrive suddenly from without; it is revealed from within a prepared people.

The Day of the Lord and the Third Day Reality

Across the earth, what may be described as *"third day fires"* have begun to burn.

This speaks of:

- resurrection life
- spiritual awakening
- divine manifestation

The prophet Hosea declared:

"After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up." Hosea 6:2-3

This *"third day"* is the day of **living in His sight**, a dimension where Christ is not merely believed in, but revealed through His people.

The Kingdom is not approaching, it is **emerging**.

Clouds, Rain, and Lightning

Jesus used striking imagery to describe His appearing:

"As lightning flashes from one part of heaven to another..." Luke 17:24

"As the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west..." Matthew 24:27

COMING in Greek is *"Parousia"* and it denotes: Presence, not merely arrival. Thus, the *"coming"* of the Lord speaks of **His manifest presence**, not only a distant future event.

Spiritual Symbolism

- **Clouds** → the sons of God
- **Rain** → life released into the earth
- **Lightning** → power, illumination, divine life

Just as clouds carry rain and lightning across the natural sky, so the sons of God carry:

- life
- power
- revelation

...into the earth.

The interaction between heaven and earth is no longer distant, it is **active within God's people.**

Across the world there are quiet stirrings, like embers beneath ash, that signal the dawn of something long prepared. What may appear sudden is, in truth, the unveiling of a work long hidden. The Kingdom of God is not advancing by force, but by invasion of another kind: the gentle yet irresistible occupation of human hearts by the life of Christ Himself. Where He is welcomed, His nature unfolds, life where there was death, peace where there was unrest, truth where there was confusion. And so, through ordinary men and women made extraordinary by His indwelling, the earth itself begins to feel the touch of another realm.

It is as though a people, once bound to the dust, are learning to breathe the air of heaven. Drawn by a voice not heard with the ears but known in the depths, they rise, slowly, surely, into a higher life. Their union with Christ is no longer a doctrine held, but a reality lived. And as they ascend inwardly, heaven descends outwardly. The clouds gather, heavy with promise, and the first drops begin to fall. It is the beginning of rain, not of water only, but of Presence, signaling that what was sown in secret is now ready to be revealed in power.

The Fountain Within

God is not merely the giver of life, He is the Fountain of Life.

"They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters." Jer. 2:13

Jesus revealed that this fountain would be within the believer:

"A fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:14

"Rivers of living water will flow from within." John 7:37-38

The sons of God are not reservoirs, they are **rivers.**

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We are, in a manner of speaking, like clouds drawn up from the hidden reservoirs of God, gathered, filled, and made heavy with a water not our own. Christ Himself is that Living Water within us, and when the appointed moment comes, we are not asked to manufacture the rain, but simply to release what we carry. And every drop that falls bears His nature, pure, life-giving, unmistakably divine.

The season has turned. What was once held in quiet fullness now begins to descend, and the earth, long parched, is visited not by our effort, but by His overflowing Presence through us.

"He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, like showers that water the earth." Ps. 72:6, NKJV.

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Why this Study Guide?

This Study Guide exists not to replace Scripture, but to lead us **more deeply into it**, with minds awakened and hearts made ready.

The Bereans were called noble, not because they accepted teaching without question, but because they received it with eagerness while diligently searching the Scriptures to discern its truth (Acts 17:11).

Likewise, Apollos stands as a testimony to what a life immersed in the Word can become, cultured, articulate, and mighty in understanding (Acts 18:24).

True spiritual growth is never sustained by passive listening, but by **active engagement with God's Word**, where revelation is tested, truth is embraced, and Christ Himself is more clearly seen. This Guide is therefore an invitation, not merely to read, but to seek, to examine, and to encounter the Living Word with both humility and hunger.

The River of Life and the Healing of Nations

John saw: *"A pure river of water of life... proceeding from the throne of God."* Rev. 22:1-5

This river:

- brings healing
- removes the curse
- restores creation

The throne is established within the sons, and from that throne flows life into the world.

This is not symbolic only, it is **functional reality**.

The Restoration of the Tree of Life

God's purpose from the beginning was never abandoned, it was delayed for fulfillment.

Progression Through History

1. The First Manifested Son

- Jesus Christ
- God manifested in flesh
- The embodiment of the Kingdom

2. The Early Church (30-100 A.D.)

- Filled with the Spirit
- Living under Christ's Lordship
- Functioning as a many-membered body

3. The Organized Church (100-476 A.D.)

- Human systems replaced divine rule
- Religion overshadowed life
- Form without power

4. The Dark Ages (475-1453 A.D.)

- Spiritual decline
- External control dominated

5. The Reformation (1453-1949 A.D.)

- Restoration begins
- Justification by faith (Passover)
- Pentecostal outpouring (partial experience)

6. Restoration Era (1959-Present)

- Revelation of Tabernacles
- Growth into maturity
- Apostolic and prophetic restoration

7. The Mature Sons of God

- Many sons in Christ's image
- The Zion Church
- The fullness of the Spirit (without measure)
- The Kingdom fully expressed

Each son becomes a **Tree of Life**, and from each flows the River of Life to the nations.

The Liberation of Creation

Creation is not waiting for destruction, it is waiting for **restoration** (Rom. 8:18-25).

The sons of God:

- release life
- reveal Christ
- restore order

The Kingdom restored within becomes the Kingdom restored **upon the earth**.

The Call: "Come Up Higher"

This is not a geographical movement, but a **spiritual elevation**, into union with Christ, into heavenly reality, into shared authority.

The sons respond, and as they do:

- the rain begins to fall
- the clouds release life
- the earth is renewed

Summary

The Kingdom reaches its climax in the restoration of the Tree of Life through a mature company of sons. Christ, once revealed in one Man, is now revealed in many. The sons become carriers of life, releasing the River of God into the earth for healing and restoration. The "**coming**" of the Lord is His manifested presence within His people. As His reign is established within, His Kingdom is restored upon the earth, and creation is set free into the liberty of the sons of God.

This final unveiling calls the Church to move beyond anticipation into participation. The restoration of the Tree of Life is not merely a prophetic vision to admire, but a present reality to embody. As the throne of God is established within His people, their lives become channels through which heaven touches earth, where the life of Christ is not only believed, but expressed. In this way, the Kingdom is no longer a distant hope, but a living reality advancing through those who have yielded fully to His reign, until all creation is brought into the liberty and fullness for which it has long been waiting.

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"In my opinion whatever we may have to go through now is less than nothing compared with the magnificent future God has in store for us. The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight of the sons of God coming into their own. The world of creation cannot as yet see reality, not because it chooses to be blind, but because in God's purpose it has been so limited – yet it has been given hope. And the hope is that in the end the whole of created life will be rescued from the tyranny of change and decay, and have its share in that magnificent liberty which can only belong to the children of God!"

It is plain to anyone with eyes to see that at the present time all created life groans in a sort of universal travail. And it is plain, too, that we who have a foretaste of the Spirit are in a state of painful tension, while we wait for that redemption of our bodies which will mean that we have realized our full sonship in him. We were saved by this hope, and let us remember that hope always means waiting for something that we do not yet see. For whoever hopes when he can see? But if we hope for something we cannot see, then we must settle down to wait for it in patience." Rom. 8:18-25, J.B. Phillips

Study Questions

1. What is the climax of God's Kingdom plan?

2. What does "*Parousia*" mean?

3. What do clouds symbolize?

4. What does the rain represent?

5. Where is the Fountain of Life located?

6. What flows from the throne within the sons?

7. What is the Tree of Life restored as?

8. What is creation waiting for?

9. What is the purpose of the River of Life?

10. How does the Kingdom expand?

Study Answers

1. The full manifestation of Christ through His people.
2. Presence, not merely arrival.
3. The sons of God.
4. The release of divine life.
5. Within the born again believer.
6. The River of Life.
7. Christ manifested in His people.
8. The revealing of the sons of God.
9. Healing and restoration of the nations.
10. From within outward through manifested sons.