

PARADISE: Lost and Found

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Do you remember those times when you were young and you lost something and later recovered it at the “lost and found” place? Do you remember how excited and relieved you were when you found what was lost of yours? The Bible story is actually about this same thing.

God dwelling with his people in fellowship is the whole story of the Bible. In the first two chapters of the Bible, Genesis 1-2, God is dwelling with his people in the garden of Eden. In the last two chapters of the Bible, Revelation 21-22, God is dwelling with his people in heaven. So, what happens between the beginning of the Bible and the end? In the beginning of time, a paradise on earth was prepared for Adam and Eve (Genesis 1-2) and at the end of time, a paradise in heaven will be prepared for all who are obedient to God (Revelation 22). Some time after the beginning of time, paradise was lost by mankind due to their sin (Genesis 3), but at the end of time, paradise will be found by mankind due to their obedience and salvation (Revelation 22). This is the whole story of the Bible!

In the beginning of time, God supplied all the needs of Adam and Eve - their need for a home and security (2:8), food and sustenance (2:9), aesthetics and beauty (2:9-14), work (2:15), restraint and self control (2:16-17), and their need for family and companionship (2:18-25).

But, when Adam and Eve sinned, their obedience was lost (2:15-17; 3:11), along with their innocence (2:25; 3:7), unity (2:24; 3:12), and their fellowship with God (2:8; 3:8,24). However, God made a “seed” promise at that time to send a Savior, Jesus Christ (Gen. 3:15; Gal. 3:16). The rest of the Bible focuses on Jesus. Jesus is coming (the Old Testament), he has come (the New Testament gospels), and he is coming again (Acts – Revelation).

Friend, the Devil wants to keep you out of paradise. Where will you spend eternity? You have a choice: heaven or hell (Revelation 21:7-8; 21:25-27; 22:14-15). How badly do you want to find what was lost. Heaven now awaits you at the “lost and found.” ✉ – via *The Warfield Bulletin*, November 25, 2018

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Sunday Morning Worship	9:50 am
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	7:00 pm

**“Everyone who is of the
truth hears My voice”
– Jesus (Jn. 18:37)**