

Revelation 22 : 1-11—Memory Verses, 3-5.

Golden Text—To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne.—
Revelation 3 : 21.



1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, and yielded her fruit every month : and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse : but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it ; and his servants shall serve him ;

4 And they shall see his face ; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads.

5 And their shall be no night there ; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun ; for the Lord God giveth them light : and they shall reign for ever and ever.

6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true : and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

7 Behold, I come quickly : blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

8 And I John saw these things, and heard *them*. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

9 Then saith he unto me, See *thou do it not* : for I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book : worship God.

10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book : for the time is at hand.

11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still : and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still : and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still : and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

THE LESSON RETOLD

While John was in Patmos, he had many wonderful visions. In one of these, he was taken by an angel into heaven, and given a glimpse of that heavenly home which the Saviour has prepared for all who have loved and served Him in this life.

The first thing that John noticed about the wonderful city was, that it was so filled with the brightness and glory of the Saviour's presence, that there was no need in it either for the light of the sun or of the moon. As he followed the angel, the old apostle now beheld in his vision the great throne of God, from the foot of which there started a little stream of clearest water, which grew larger and larger as it flowed onward, until it became a broad and mighty river, flowing through the very midst of the heavenly city, where it was known as the River of the Water of Life.

On its banks and watered by it, there grew the Tree of Life, which every year yielded twelve kinds of fruit, having a different variety every month, its leaves also being for the healing of the nations.

But the best thing about the heavenly city was, that nowhere within its walls could there be found any sin. Neither was there here any death, nor sorrow, nor crying, for all these things had passed away.

Now, when John had seen many other wonders of this blessed land, and had been told how the Saviour Himself should write His name and sign upon the foreheads of all those whom He had redeemed, who should serve and worship Him face to face forever, he fell down to worship before the feet of the messenger who had shown him all these things. But the angel forbade him, saying,