



We Shall Return

**The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it arose.
The wind goes toward the south, and turns around to the north;
The wind whirls about continually, and comes again on its circuit.
All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full;
To the place from which the rivers come, there they return again. Ecclesiastes 1:5-7**

Seeing God in Everything

The Bible's use of nature as a metaphor is a powerful way to convey its message. Consider the lines from Psalms 98:8 and 96:12 (NLT): “Let the rivers clap their hands in glee!” and “Let the trees of the forest sing for joy.” These expressions paint vivid pictures and symbolize the joy and praise that all creation offers God, adding depth and beauty to the scriptures.

The imagery from Ecclesiastes 1:5-7 is a testament to God's sovereignty and purpose for everything, including nature surrounding us. The sun, wind, and water perform daily functions. Each returns to its origin and prepares to complete its assignments once again.

Reflecting on these verses, I was reminded of our Christian circuit, which began in Genesis. We, too, have daily functions to fulfill until we, like the sun, wind, and water, return to our Source.

In the Genesis narrative, God planted the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden, symbolizing access to eternal life with Him. The entrance to this tree was barred when sin entered the world. However, God's love prevailed. God created the perfect plan through His Son, Jesus Christ, allowing His children to restore their relationship with God and regain access to the Tree of Life.

We will experience trials and disappointments along our path, but God's spirit will keep us on course as we obey and trust His word. One day, the sun will retire and bow down to The Son. The raging winds will find eternal rest. The sea will forever be at peace. Yet, the most extraordinary splendor of God's creation is that when we have completed our Christian circuit, we will not just return to the Tree of Life but bask in the epitome of God's glory forever.

Dear Lord, thank You for giving us a reason to clap our hands and sing songs of joy. One day, we shall return to You.





Scriptures	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Genesis 1:26-27 Genesis 2:9 Genesis 3:22-23	“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. John 14:1-3						1 Praise God for creating us in His image
	2 Pray we realize God created us to glorify Him	3 Praise God, He created us to fellowship with Him	4 Pray we realize God created us to spend eternity with Him	5 Pray we realize God created us for His purpose	6 Pray we realize God created us to know and love Him	7 Pray we realize God created us to reflect His love	8 Praise God for being The Source of our lives
Philippians 1:6 Ephesians 2:10	9 Praise God for the good work He began in us	10 Praise God for His faithfulness to finish what He started in us	11 Pray we realize God designed us to fulfill His calling He has for our lives	12 Praise God for the gifts and talents He gave us	13 Pray we will not neglect God’s calling on our lives	14 Praise God for His faith in our abilities	15 Pray we will surrender to God’s guidance
Philippians 3:12-14 Ephesians 4:1 Galatians 6:9	16 Pray we will not stop striving to reach the goal God set for us	17 Pray we will not dwell on the past but focus on the future	18 Pray we will trust God to reach our goal	19 Pray we will walk worthy of God’s calling on our lives	20 Pray that our lives will honor and please God	21 Pray we will not grow weary while doing good	22 Give praises; God gives us the strength to do His will
Revelation 21:3-4 Revelation 22:14	23 Give praises; one day, we will not be separated from God	24 Give praises; one day, we will dwell with God	25 Give praises; one day, God will wipe away our tears	26 Give praises; one day, there will be no more death, sorrow, pain, sin, or guilt	27 Give praises; one day, there will be a happy reunion with our loved ones	28 Give praises; one day, we will be what God created us to be	29 Give praises; one day, we will have access to the Tree of Life
	30 Give praises; one day, we will complete our circuit and return to God	<i>Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...</i> Hebrews 12:2					