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DEFERRED HOPE

Proverbs 13:12 says, ***“Hope deferred maketh the heart sick, but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.”***

Often, we wait for things to change, and they don't come when expected. We often lose hope and think that God has forgotten us. Yet, according to Hebrews 11:1 it says, ***“NOW faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”***

When we pray, we must believe that God will answer. We must not lose hope, for hope keeps our faith alive my friends. When the desires that we have asked for come, it is like eating from the tree of life. What does the tree of life bring? It brings life! It was in the garden in the beginning, and it is in heaven when we enter that realm.

Adam and Eve were given permission to freely eat of the tree of life along with the other trees that yielded fruit in Genesis 2:16. Those in heaven will be able to do so also if they do God's commandments for it says in Revelation 22:14, ***“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life...”***

I perceive that the tree of life is symbolic of salvation, and since Jesus is our salvation, it can represent being able to receive from him. That is pure joy to know. We partake of him daily through reading the Bible and listening to Holy Spirit. It gives us “hope” and it gives us faith to continue in our walk here on this side of heaven.

Be encouraged my friend. Don't lose hope. God has rewards for them that diligently seek him! (Hebrews 11:6.)