

Eden was the spiritual atmosphere of the Kingdom of Heaven

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1. Eden is symbolic of the Kingdom of Heaven

Eden means “delight”, “joy”, or “happiness” which is one of the fruits of the spirit mentioned by Paul in [Romans 14:17](#), regarding the Kingdom of Heaven/God being righteousness, joy, and peace in the Holy Spirit. Adam and Eve had no knowledge of good and evil and therefore walked in righteousness, love, joy, and peace because they believed in, and were led by God. Where there is no knowledge of good and evil, there can be no moral law, and therefore, there can be no transgression of the law, and thus there can be no judgement, thereby avoiding conflict and wrath, but maintaining peace, [Romans 4:15](#).

[Romans 14:17](#)

17For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

[Romans 4:15](#)

15Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

In other words, God wanted to have an absolute positive influence on their spiritual development through His teaching, guidance and companionship, where righteousness would be entrenched in their souls, because when a youth is taught in the way they should go, they will never depart from it, [Proverbs 22:6](#). Therefore, God held back the teaching of good and evil because laws are the power of sin and death for beings made of flesh, ([1 Corinthians](#)

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[15:56](#)), and also because He wanted to give mankind the perfect platform to influence their kingdom of heaven/god (second heaven) in a positive light, where delight (Eden) would become endemic in the kingdom of heaven/god on earth. God's teaching and guidance would ensure a righteous and peaceful godly kingdom of heaven/god (second heaven) on earth, where the spiritual atmosphere (ambiance) was delightful (Eden,) with the aim of transforming mankind's flesh and blood bodies into glorious spiritual bodies, once the completion or fullness of time was reached for their spiritual development, which I believe is denoted by the 1,000 years that no one attained in the book of Genesis, however, God always tests his creation, which is where the serpent (rebellious divine being) comes in.

[Proverbs 22:6](#)

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

[1 Corinthians 15:56](#)

56The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

Therefore delight (Eden) is the spiritual atmosphere of the Kingdom of Heaven/God on earth; we can then say that Eden was symbolic of the Kingdom of Heaven/God on earth. The name Eden is used scripturally to denote a geographical location on earth, generally in the North African and Middle Eastern regions, but the name is derived from the spiritual atmosphere or ambiance God was trying to establish on earth through mankind. In other words, God was assisting mankind in developing spiritually to establish a godly kingdom of heaven/god on earth where delight would be the ambiance, because He wanted mankind's abode on earth (second heaven) to be similar to God's abode (third heaven), which is why Jesus said, "Let your will be done in earth as it is in heaven", ([Matthew 6:10](#)).

[Matthew 6:10](#)

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

2. God was visibly present in Eden

God was visibly present, and regularly spoke the Word (Jesus) to them as their guide, teacher, and companion to entrench them in righteousness, for it was God's desire that His will to be done in earth as it is in heaven, but mankind was accountable for creating the Kingdom of Heaven/God (second heaven) on earth (first heaven) by being led by God's Word, and as long as they followed God.

Jesus was the spoken Word in the garden of Eden because [John 1:1](#) says that the Word existed in the beginning, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God; then [John 1:14](#) confirms that the Word (God) was made flesh (Jesus). Then, if the Word is God that was spoken to Adam and Eve in the garden, and the Word is Jesus, then Yahweh was the Word in the garden of Eden, who is Jesus after Yahweh was incarnated. We therefore know that the

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Father always sends out the Son (Word) with the Holy Spirit (Power) to oversee creation, which is why the Holy Spirit said, “Let there be light”, which is the same light that today the Holy Spirit shines in mankind’s heart when we get born again by the spirit, and we know that the spoken Word is Jesus and light is Jesus who created all things, and holds up all things by the Word (Jesus) of His Power (Holy Spirit), [Hebrews 1:3](#). Therefore, Jesus was in the garden as Yahweh before He was made flesh. We can prove that Yahweh was visible in the garden because Adam and Eve hid from God, [Genesis 3:8](#); naked people do not hide from unseen beings. Yahweh had to be present in the garden because Adam and Eve did not have the indwelling Holy Spirit, and thus God personally taught, guided, comforted, provided, and was gracious and loving to them, to enable them to establish the kingdom of heaven on earth that would be full of delight, on the condition that mankind continued to follow God’s Word.

[John 1:1](#)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

[John 1:14](#)

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

[Hebrews 1:3](#)

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

[Genesis 3:8](#)

And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

2. Adam and Eve walked in the Kingdom of Light

Adam and Eve had no sin as they knew no good or evil because they walked with God’s light (God’s presence and knowledge), they therefore knew no darkness because God’s teaching was exclusively based on His ways of righteousness, for God is divine and has no darkness, ([1 John 1:5](#)). They were therefore walking in the light as long as they were led by God, but the kingdom of heaven on earth was not fully established as they were still developing spiritually, and because God had given mankind accountability for what happens on earth, i.e. they were responsible for the ambiance or spiritual atmosphere of the second heaven (kingdom of heaven) on earth through their decisions, as they had free will. The difference between the Kingdom of Heaven (third heaven) as God’s abode, and the kingdom of heaven (second heaven) as mankind’s abode, is that God creates His third heaven as an extension or emanation of His divine being and it is eternal and therefore everywhere, but mankind’s kingdom of heaven is created by their beliefs and attitudes, which are currently corrupt, and is confined to the earth’s atmosphere wherein we live.

[1 John 1:5](#)

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

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Today we are born into sin, and therefore we must be translated from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Heaven/God ([Colossians 1:13-14](#)) through **heartfelt** faith in Jesus Christ who is the light or the Word, to become righteous just as Adam and Eve were. The difference was that Adam and Eve had no sin, where joy and peace (Eden) was inherent in their nature as they felt no guilt or condemnation, not even the desire to judge others, and thus maintained a heavenly atmosphere in the kingdom of heaven/god (second heaven) on earth, just as we today enter the Kingdom of Heaven/God (third heaven) as born again believers by the Holy Spirit, so that we can influence our kingdom of heaven/god (second heaven) on earth, so that it can be in earth (second heaven) as it is in heaven (third heaven).

[Colossians 1:13-14](#)

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Their lack of knowledge of good and evil meant that they needed to learn to walk in righteousness by the Lord's guidance, but they had no burdens of sin to challenge them, which would make it much easier for them to operate under God's guidance, i.e. a young person without any knowledge or experience is much easier to teach as they have no reasoning capacity to block or confuse the learning experience or process. Today we are born into sin which bring us many burdens and challenges due to past experiences, and though we are righteous through faith in Jesus Christ, we have to renew our minds by the Word to learn to live in love, joy, peace, and to walk in righteousness by the spirit ([Galatians 5:4-5](#)), which is very challenging because our souls are etched with desires from our previous experiences. In the garden, they had a visible God that operated externally to them, but we have an invisible God that operates internally in us, who assists us with the Word that gives us the knowledge (light) of Jesus Christ so that we may know Him and His glory. Whether external or internal to mankind, learning or studying the Word it is like looking in a mirror where we see Jesus and His nature that influences and transforms us, and therefore our kingdom of heaven/god on earth, if we take it to heart. Obviously, God in person appears to be much easier to learn from, however, they fell just as we sometimes fall, nevertheless, today, without the Word and the spirit, our kingdom of heaven/god (second heaven) remains corrupt because we walk in darkness.

[Galatians 5:4-5](#)

4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

3. Adam and Eve did not recognise transgression

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Adam and Eve followed God, not moral laws, and were therefore not prone to guilt or condemnation, or even the desire to judge one another, thus delight, joy, or happiness (Eden) was in their nature, which influenced the spiritual atmosphere (ambiance) of the Kingdom of Heaven (second heaven) on earth. The Kingdom of Heaven/God that we create is therefore influenced by our beliefs, behaviours, attitudes, and activities, where the fruit of the spirit ([Galatians 5:22-23](#)) creates a spiritual atmosphere based on righteousness, love, joy, peace, etc, when we are led by the Word and the spirit, but hatred, jealousy, strife, pride, and unrighteousness when walking independently of God by the desires of the flesh (carnality), see [Galatians 5:19-21](#) for the fruit of carnality (works of the flesh). The Word of God is therefore instrumental in creating and changing our spiritual atmosphere on earth for the Kingdom of Heaven/God to prosper in a godly manner.

[Galatians 5:22-23](#)

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

[Galatians 5:19-21](#)

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Today, we feel this same Eden (delight, joy, or happiness) when the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in believers, and manifests His presence to strengthen us by shedding His love, joy, and peace in our hearts as we build a relationship with Him, as He comforts us in times of trouble, as we learn His ways by the Word, and also as we praise, worship, and pray to God. The Kingdom of Heaven/God we create is therefore dependent on truly knowing God and His Word which is foundational to setting the spiritual atmosphere (mood or ambiance) of the Kingdom of Heaven/God on earth.

Eden therefore symbolises the spiritual atmosphere of the Kingdom of Heaven/God on earth that mankind generates by their beliefs, behaviours, attitudes, and activities. The name Eden was used scripturally to denote the physical geographical location on earth (first heaven), which includes parts of North Africa and the Middle East, however, I believe the name was given based on the spiritual atmosphere God desired to create for the kingdom of heaven (second heaven) on earth through His presence, provision, love, grace, and companionship, that He bestowed on mankind.