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The Big "If"
Something else that hasn't changed is the conditional "if" of Ex. 19:5-6 and Josh. 24:14-15, and Jesus said "if" again and again as a condition for Kingdom Life.

Man's disobedience led to original sin, and his choices have always defined his relationship with God.

Today, as in the Garden, God wants those who choose to give Him their hearts. To make Him the god who satisfies their soul hunger. He wants to woo us to Himself with His love and His promise to heal our brokenness and our wounds. He does not want us to relate to Him as an obedient bride whose husband was chosen by her parents.

He welcomes raped bodies and souls and makes them whole. Pure. His Eph. 5:25-27 bride. He wants us to choose Him over Satan and to obey and serve Him because we love Him and are grateful to Him.

And He invites us into the Abundant Life of our new home, the Kingdom of God. Life there becomes bigger than life itself as we are filled with meaning and purpose when we give ourselves to Him. We eagerly await Jesus' return as we live in the spirit-kingdom that the Father created for us here on the earth while Jesus prepares our eternal home in heaven.
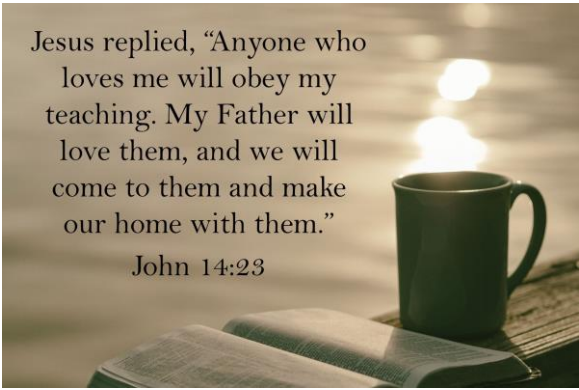
THAT - is life in the Kingdom of God and it is like hidden treasures and fine pearls.

The Eye-Opener
The Kingdom of God is spirit in nature. Its life cannot be understood with the natural mind, which is dominated by the flesh (I Cor. 2:14), and that's a BIG problem for us.

Only the humble, repentant and obedient heart can have eyes to see and ears to hear the mysteries of His Kingdom (Matt. 13:10-17), and thus to experience the wonders of Life there which is entered through the narrow gate.

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."
John 14:23

If we love Jesus we will obey Him (John 14:21-24), and He and the Father will come and make their abode in us and reveal more and more of themselves to us. What price of obedience could be too high for that, but obedience involves choice? Always.

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