

**The School of Biblical Law**  
Introduction to Law and Grace  
Lesson Five: “God’s Testimony to Man”

God brings forth a testimony or a witness of Himself, His throne, and His ways to man to reveal the eternal realm. The Hebrew word for testimony is *eduwth* (Strong’s #5715), meaning a witness, recorder, to duplicate or repeat.

1. The Garden of Eden was a picture or a replica of the throne of God.

Scripture makes reference to Eden as the Garden of God (Ez. 28:13; Is. 51:3; Rev. 2:7).

The word garden, *gan* (Strong’s #1588), comes from the root Hebrew word *ganan* (Strong’s #1589) meaning to hedge about, to prevent.

2. Genesis 3:8 reveals that Eden, or God’s Earth-Throne, was a place where the following could be found: The manifest presence of God’s glory, Communion, Source of Life, Law and Judgment, and Covenantal Agents. (These things may be found where there is a record – an *eduwth* – on earth to the heavenly realm)
3. Manifest Glory – God’s manifest presence, not just His omnipresence, was in the Garden.
4. Communion – Adam was ordained to walk with God, learn from God, and rule for God as His appointed representative and His heir.
5. Source of Life – Eden symbolically provided the life source for the earth in that the Throne, the Tree of Life, and the River that originated in Eden and flowed out to the four corners of the earth were all located in the Garden.
6. Judgment – Adam was judge (*Shamar* – Strong’s #8104), to rule (*Radah* – Strong’s #7287) and to tread down (*Kabash* – Strong’s #3533) from the Garden; and God executed His judgment against the serpent and the first couple from His Earth-Throne.
7. Covenantal Agents – Adam was awarded the privilege of serving as God’s covenantal steward over the earth. When Adam failed to guard, God placed angelic covenantal agents to guard the way to the Garden.

The Garden of Eden was the first *eduwth*, which God placed upon the Earth; but it was not the only. We shall discover that God repeatedly gives humanity an *eduwth* in order that we may know God, His ways, and His eternal realm. We will look at the witnesses found in creation, in the Tabernacle of Moses, and in the church; and we will discover that all of these witnesses share the common theme of a reliable *eduwth* with God’s law, which the Bible declares to be a trustworthy witness. “The testimony (Law – *eduwth*) of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.” Psalm 19: 7(b).