

“The Tree of Life”

A Bible Study on

Genesis 2:9

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The tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.



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Trees:

1Ch 16:33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because he cometh to judge the earth.

Ps 96:12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

Ps 104:16 The **trees of the LORD** are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;

Isa 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called **trees of righteousness**, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Eze 31:8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chesnut trees were not like his branches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty.

9 I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied him.

16 I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth.

18 To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

Joel 1:12 The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.

19 O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.

Of Life; of knowledge of good and evil

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I. What the Tree Of Life is.

- a. A Tree God planted to grow out of the Ground.
- b. A Tree planted in the midst of the garden.
- c. A fruit tree God gave life to, so man could eat from and through the act of faithful **obedience**, live forever.
- d. The Wisdom of God is in this to show man that He will supply all our need eternally but we must desire it, receive it and retain it.

Mat. 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Php. 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

2Cor. 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Rev. 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

The Tree of life is substance for faith and obedience.

- A Test to our faith

Obeys and freely eat and live for ever.

Obedience brings life

The Tree of knowledge of good and Evil is a test.

- A Test to our character

Disobey and eat and die.

Disobedience brings death

Romans 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

2Cor. 10:6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Gen. 2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

II. What the Tree of Life is for.

To have **Eternal Life** in the **Wisdom** and the **Power** of **God**.

God planted the Tree of Life in the middle of the Garden of Eden, in the most prominent and noticeable spot where it would always be easily seen.

The Tree of Life was planted right where Adam would always be reminded that he had to eat of the tree in order to live forever. God gave man every opportunity imaginable to Choose Life:

God over self
Good **over** evil
God over the devil
Life over sin and death
Wisdom over foolishness
Purpose over uselessness
Perfection **over** corruption
Fulfillment over emptiness
Peace over strife and division
Righteousness over unrighteousness
God's Presence over being alienated
Freedom over enslavement and bondage
Obedience over disobedience and rebellion
Eternity with God over separation from God

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

God loves all of us. He showed Adam His love by providing the tree of life the very opportunity of living forever.

God shows us His love by providing eternal life through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 3:18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

True wisdom consists in the knowledge, understanding and love of God, and an entire conformity to all the intentions of His Will, truths, providences, and laws.

Prov. 3:13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

No precious jewels or earthly treasures are worthy to be compared with true wisdom,

This Wisdom is the Lord Jesus Christ and his salvation, sought and obtained by faith and prayer.

1Cor. 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

Prov. 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

The righteous fruits of their instructions, reproofs, examples, and prayers, are like the fruits of that tree, precious and useful, to support and nourish spiritual life in many.

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

15:4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.

1Cor. 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

The **First** Adam

Placed in a Perfect Garden
within a Perfect world

Garden of beauty and joy

Adam did his own will,
disobeyed God, and his sin
brought judgment.

Adam chose the tree of
knowledge of good and evil.

The **Second** Man Adam

Prayed in a Barren, desert
like garden, in a sinful world

Place of exceeding sorrow

Christ was seeking to do
The Will of God and
Perfected our Salvation.

Christ endured the cross
and despised the shame.

The Tree of knowledge of good and evil and the cross.

Rom. 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

The tree God planted for a test.
The tree was pleasant to the eyes

Man was commanded to turn
away from this tree

Eating of its fruit resulted in death
Romans 5:17 "by one man's
offence death reigned by one"

Man made a cross

The cross was a repulsive,
cursed tree (Gal. 3:13)

Man is commanded to come
near this tree (John 12:32)

Eating of this bread; Christ
Jesus, results in everlasting life.
John 6:51,53-54;58.

Two Trees

Jer 10:3 "one cutteth a tree out of the forest"

I. The Christmas Tree

A. Pagan in origin

1. When the Cross is replaced by the Christmas tree and becomes the center of the Christmas holiday and they (X) Christ out.
2. They place a star at the top of the tree.
 - * Wise men search for Jesus
3. They worship the Christmas tree and don't understand the cross.
 - They place their gifts at the foot of the tree, hoping for something of the same value.
 - They sing songs to the Christmas tree not knowing the Savior.

*Excerpt from the song Oh Christmas Tree

O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree! How richly God
has decked thee! O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
How richly God has decked thee! Thou bidst us true
and faithful be, And trust in God unchangingly.
O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
How richly God has decked thee!"

II. The Tree Of Life - The Cross

(The Savior who died on the Cross)

- A. Not the tree itself but what the tree means to us is holy in origin.
 - What Jesus did through the cross brings to us so great Salvation, the greatest gift ever given.
 - a. Eternal life, through his own shed blood.
 - b. Resurrection Life
 - c. More blessed to give than to receive.
 - d. What you do for the least, you do for Jesus.

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