

## TWO TREES

**SCRIPTURES:** Gen.1:12 & 21; Gen.2:9 & 17; Gen.3:6 & 22; Matt.7:17-19; Matt.12:33; Luke 6:43-; 1Pet.1:23; John 3:5-7; 1 Cor.15:21-22 & 42-50; Mark.10:17-18; Rom.3:10-12; Rom.9:30-33 – Rom.10:1-4;

**Gen.1:12** And the earth brought forth grass, the herb *that yields seed* according to its kind, and the tree *that yields fruit*, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. **21** So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good*.

**Gen.2: 9** And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. **17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

**1 Pet.1:23** having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

**INTRO.:** The Bible has many important lessons to be learned from “trees”, both in the Old and the New Testaments. First mentioned in Genesis, herbs and trees as well as animals, fish and birds were ordained by God to bring forth fruit or to produce fruit from their seed, of their own kind. Apple trees do not produce oranges, Orange trees don't produce grapes etc. Elephants don't produce Cows and Cows don't produce monkeys. This is one of the most basic laws of God's creation. Everything produces its own likeness from its own seed. This principle or law is also applied to human beings. Humans don't produce monkeys and monkeys don't produce humans. This has been Gods law from the very beginning of time.

Now, knowing this allows us to understand that this principle or law is also applied to both the “corruptible seed” and the “incorruptible seed”. A corruptible seed absolutely cannot produce incorruptible fruit. Nor can an incorruptible seed produce corruptible fruit. Therefor as our Lord Jesus said, “Every tree is known by its fruit.”

There were many types of trees in the Garden of Eden but two trees were outstanding. God did this for our understanding. The tree of the “Knowledge of Good and Evil” was contrasted with the “Tree of Life”. The seed of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and evil brought forth or produced “Death”. “In the day you eat of it you shall die”, says God. The seed of the tree of Life brought forth or produced “Life”. The Life that the Tree of Life would produce was not just human life. Adam and Eve already had that life. The life of this tree would produce was “eternal”. Yes, as God said, “And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.” (**Gen.3:22**) God had to drive Adam and Eve from the garden and close it up so that they could not enter again and eat of the fruit of the tree of life.

Now, we need to see or to understand what this means to us. As human beings we are born products of Adams seed. We are products of the seed of death, therefore as

the Bible says, "**In Adam all die**". Death has passed upon all mankind and also the products of all animal and all plant life. Everything on this earth dies because of Adam and Eve's disobedience, or SIN. God put Adam in charge of all things on this earth so when he fell this whole earth fell with him and came under the **curse of DEATH**.

We, you and me, die because we are of the seed of Adam. **His nature is our nature**. Also we sin or break God's laws because we are of the seed of Adam. AND, we, ourselves no matter what we do, ABSOLUTELY CANNOT CHANGE OUR **NATURE**. This is the very reason God had to send His only begotten Son, the "**Last Adam**" as He is referred to in the Holy Scriptures. **Jesus Christ** was represented by the "**Tree of Life**" in the Garden of Eden. He had to come to be the "**incorruptible seed**" so that humankind could be "**Born Again**" as He explained to Nicodemus in The Gospel of St. John chapter three.

Jesus Christ of Bethlehem Judah, had to be born of God i.e. **God's seed**. God's Spirit. He absolutely could not be born of a human father, if He were there would be no change of nature. He would be just another **man of the flesh corrupted by the seed of Adam**. Therefore, Mary, the virgin was impregnated by the Holy Spirit of God and **her seed, Jesus the Christ**, that came forth from her was **of the "Spirit"** not **of the "Flesh"**. Just as God said to Satan, "*And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between **your seed** and **her seed**; it shall **bruise thy head**, and you shalt bruise **his heel**. (**Gen.3:15**) The fruit of the tree of "knowledge of good and evil" was **Satan's seed** which corrupted Adams nature and brought about death to all mankind.*

Jesus was not born **of the flesh** after **Adams nature** and **Satan's seed** but as the last Adam He was born of the spirit and "**in the likeness of sinful flesh**" (**Rom 8:3**) "**was made in the likeness of men**" (**Phil.2:7**). He was in a fleshly or human body but was born of God's seed and had **Gods nature**. He "**was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin**". (**Heb. 4:15b**) He was therefore the PERFECT, SPOTLESS LAMB OF GOD who through His life, death, burial and resurrection removed the sin of all of us who were born of the flesh through Adam and of Satan's seed. We are now born again of the Spirit of God, are **IN Christ**, children of God's seed and "**partakers of the divine nature**".

This is exactly why the Holy Word of God says that those of us who are **saved** i.e. **in Christ** have "**been born again, not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible seed, through the WORD of God which lives and abides forever.**" (**1 Pet 1:23**) This is also why, "**there is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we MUST BE SAVED**". (**Acts 4:12**) This is also the true reason Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the **only man** who could ever proclaim, "**I am THE WAY, THE TRUTH and THE LIFE, no man can come unto the Father but through me**". (**John 14:6**)

### **HAVE YOU RECEIVED HIM? IS HE THE LORD OF YOUR LIFE?**

Please do not be like most folks, still depending on saving yourself by what you can do through your religious deeds and good works? No matter how good we are in our flesh we are still "**dead in our trespasses and sins**" through the fleshly nature of Adam and we need to be born again to become a new creation in Christ. Do not be deceived.

Jesus when He was called “good”, “said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God”. (Mark 10:17) Our goodness and righteousness is as “filthy rags” in His sight. (Isa.64:6) “There is none righteous, no, not one; -----There is none who does good, no, not one.” (Rom.3:10-12)

We have a choice. The choice is yours to make. The Word of God says, “I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you **life and death, blessing and cursing**: therefore **choose life**, that both you and your seed may live: That you may love the LORD your God, and that you may obey his voice, and that you may cleave unto him: for **he is your life**, and the length of your days:” (Deut.30:19-20)

When we make this choice then we will be able to confess, “And you **He** made alive, who were **dead in trespasses and sins**, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in **the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath**, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, (Eph. 2:1-6)