

Finding Your Song in Your Sorrow

Tale of Two Trees

In the middle of the garden were the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Genesis 2:9

Two trees stood grandly in the fauna and flora of the Garden of Eden; both laden with fruit and attractive to the eye.

As God fellowshipped with Adam along the sun bathed paths, He explained: eat freely of the trees, they are life for you and for Eve. However, don't touch or consume the fruit of the *Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil* it is deadly. Stop! Make a different choice, its fruit is poison!

The fruit of this later tree is still poison! It will kill your creative genes quicker than anything as you weigh the heavy knowledge of "Am I good or am I evil?" This constant self-reflection of one's own goodness or badness will consume your mind and result in either spiritual pride "good," or shame, blame, guilt and judgment, "evil." Stop! Make a different choice, redirect your attention to the Tree of Life.

The *Tree of Life* represents Calvary. Its fruit is eternal and when we stretch out our hands and partake of its Life-Fruit, we live eternally (I John 5:11-13). The shame, blame, judgment tree was destroyed by Jesus as He bore all of that mess for us on the cross. This tree is never mentioned again in the Scriptures, how-ever, the Tree of Life is eternal and is mentioned as casting its shadow over the *River of Life* in the midst of heaven. This time it is no longer healing individuals but entire nations (Revelation 22).

If you have been focusing on the wrong tree, I want to invite you to the Tree of Life. Reach out, taste and see that its fruit is good! The shadow cast over you will not be one of "good or evil" but rather Christ's righteousness and the life you have in Him.



Discovery Dialog with your Composer:

Have you eaten of the tree of life? If so what is the result? I John 5:211,12.

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for taking the shame, blame, and judgment of my sin and destroying it on Calvary. I re-ceive your eternal life as my own.

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Selah:

Today, I am singing with gratitude in my heart for the tree of life.