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There Were Two Trees in the Garden – October Letter 2026

Dear Friend,

One of the costliest human traits that God ever gave to mankind in His creation was the power of free will. It eventually cost Him the loss of His intimate fellowship with all of mankind because of the choices of Adam and Eve. Their choice to disobey His commandment and eat of the forbidden fruit condemned all of creation. Although this trait cost God dearly, it also represented one of the most precious aspects of our relationship with our Heavenly Father; the power of choice!

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
Genesis 2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.
Genesis 2:9 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.

One simple observation is that the first thing that God ever did after creation was to plant a garden – He likes to create and growth things.

Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.
Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:
Genesis 2:17 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.

Some may think that God created the temptation for Adam and Eve by even creating the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, but this is totally impossible. The book of James tells us the exact opposite.

James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.

WHY THEN THE TREE?

The tree was not the “Tree of Good and Evil,” but the “Tree of THE KNOWLEDGE of Good and Evil.” God cannot create evil. Really, God gave them a choice to always remain in the

innocent state of eternal life by fellowshipping with Him and eating from the Tree of Life. He wanted them to always trust Him to make the best choices for them as a loving Father.

Choice in and of itself is not evil, nor does it necessitate evil. Just because there IS a choice doesn't mean that that's evil. It is what we do with that choice that determines where we stand with God.

God has never created an eternal creature, whether human or angels, without the power of choice or free will. This is why worshiping our Heavenly Father in private worship means so much to Him. God does not desire worship from programmed robots, but from His sons and daughters who have been born again through the power of the rebirth in Jesus our Lord.

Pastor Dave Roberson would talk about how God visited him and shared this simple revelation on why He is so blessed by our choice to spend time in intimate worship with Him. God said to him, in essence, "I cannot worship Me (God) in you (the individual) for you." In other words, it must be a choice of the individual believer. God does not make anyone find a deeper walk with Him. It is always up to that person.

The way back into the garden is the same way that took man out of the garden; the power of choice! God gave man the way back into the garden by eating of the Tree of Life through Jesus Christ's coming to this planet!

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

For us who are in Christ, Jesus has become the Tree of Life that we must continually eat from. Is it possible that what Jesus provided in His coming gave a position to man that the first man Adam did not have? God created Adam perfect. It was not a glitch in his spiritual character that caused him to sin, but rather a rational choice.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
Romans 5:13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
Romans 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.
Romans 5:15 But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.
Romans 5:16 And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* the gift: for the judgment *was* by one to condemnation, but the free gift *is* of many offences unto justification.
Romans 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)
Romans 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came*upon all men unto justification of life.

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.

1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.
1 Corinthians 15:46 Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.
1 Corinthians 15:47 The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.
1 Corinthians 15:48 As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.
1 Corinthians 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

WHAT WE HAVE IN CHRIST IS GREATER THAN WHAT ADAM HAD!

Have you ever wondered why, if Adam sinned once and died spiritually, we do not automatically and instantaneously die spiritually the first time we sin after salvation?

The reason is that Adam did not have an advocate. He had to bear the penalty of his own sin. Jesus had not yet become our substitution and yet the Word tells us that the provision of Christ was already in the heart of God before He ever created mankind.

1 Peter 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;
1 Peter 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:
1 Peter 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.

We have a High Priest that Adam did not have! And as long as we continue to stay in Christ and live a lifestyle of righteousness according to the Word of God, there will always be an endless supply of mercy and grace for us if we do sin. There will always be forgiveness for those who repent and choose not to return to the gross sin that they came from.

WHAT A LOVING HEAVENLY FATHER WE HAVE! WE HAVE SOMETHING, OR BETTER YET, <u>SOMEONE</u> THAT ADAM DID NOT HAVE!

Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession.
Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet*without sin.
Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

The following verses were written to Christians who at times needed to go to God for a cleansing in the Blood of Christ.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Everything comes full circle in God. God is determined to have the family that He started in the garden of Eden. What God started in Genesis He will end in Revelation. Satan will be judged and the family of God will be fully restored! There will be a reappearance of the TREE OF LIFE.

Revelation 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.

Revelation 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.
Revelation 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.
Revelation 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:
Revelation 22:4 And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads.
Revelation 22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Once we are in Heaven, everything is perfect again and we will always be there. But isn't it interesting that even in a place of perfection, God places a tree with fruit and healing leaves that seems to represent a place of continual participation in worship and fellowship with the Lamb?

Jesus will forever be the centerpiece of Heaven and our Tree of Life!

Candy and I so appreciate your prayers and support. You are greatly loved!

I WILL SEE YOU IN THE REVIVAL!

Blessings,
Pastor Bronc