

Tree Of Life

Did you ever wonder why Adam and Eve were so interested in the tree, "of the knowledge of good and evil"? It was the only tree they were forbidden to eat of. They listened to lies instead of God to believe what he said, (Gen 4:7) "If you do what is right, won't you be accepted? and if you don't do what is right, sin camps out at your door..." "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ " (Rom 6:23) In the same garden was the "tree of life" (Genesis 3:22), yet we wanted the forbidden fruit instead, we wanted to be "as God," knowing the difference between good and evil instead of, as a child, trusting what God says is best for us.

Until we chose disobedience and to listen to the "baffler" in the tree, God would walk and talk with us every day (Genesis 3:8) Adam and Eve had a great life where food was plentiful and all we had to do was trim the hedges and prune the fruit trees a little. Unfortunately the natural man is never satisfied. "he that loves silver will not be satisfied with silver, nor he that loves abundance with increase"(Ecc 5:10). "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked,.."(Jer 17:9). Not thankful to God, and even worse, rebellious, we couldn't even keep one commandment! And God knew we were going to have to learn the hard way that sin has a price to pay in more than one way.

Yet God had a plan to bring us back to Him and He'd also give to us in the future a "new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." (2 Peter 3:13). First we are learning the cost of selfishness and disobedience. Sacrificing animals when we had sinned didn't work to soften our hearts. He had to send his Son to conquer death and pay the price to bring us back to Him. Only seeing the Truth suffer the worst type of death could God penetrate the hardened heart of man.

Jesus came down from heaven to suffer and die that we may have a chance to commune with Him once again and for all eternity if we admit we are sinners in need of a Savior and call upon him daily. "He has not forsaken them that seek him"(Psalms 9:10) and "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."(Romans 10:13). "Strive to enter in at the strait gate, for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able,"(Luke 13:24) (James 4:8) "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.."

There is more than this life!

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