

Doctrinal Studies:
TREES IN THE GARDEN

Genesis 2:9 – Four categories of Trees in the original Garden of Eden.

1. "Every tree that is pleasing to the sight." SOUL
 2. "And good for food" BODY
 3. "Tree in the middle of the garden" HAPPINESS for mankind.
 4. "Tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil" FORBIDDEN (Verse 17)
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- I. Category I is designed for the prosperity of the soul.
 - II. Category II - Designed for food
 - III. Category III - The tree in the middle of the Garden - both capacity, plus blessings.
 - IV. Category IV - The only volitional tree - "Stay away".

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SUMMARY OF THE TREES

- I. CATEGORY I TREES - These Trees provided happiness in the soul.
- II. CATEGORY II TREES - These trees provided prosperity and happiness in the human body.
- III. CATEGORY III TREES - These are the trees that perpetuated happiness and prosperity in both the human soul and body, in perfect environment in the Garden; but the Tree of Life is only good, and fulfills its purpose in perfect environment.
- IV. CATEGORY IV TREE is the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.
 - 1. Eating from this destroyed Man's original prosperity and happiness.
 - 2. Man actually stood there, and had his choice between the woman, and unhappiness outside the garden, or the perpetuation of perfect happiness inside the garden.

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A DIVINE INVENTION

- I. The tree of ETERNAL LIFE is the cross, where the Lord Jesus Christ bore our sins in His own body on the tree.
- II. As long as man continued in the Garden without sin he did not need the fruit of the 4th tree – Man did not need to know good and evil.
- III. In spiritual death options of freewill and the function of man's decisions are then related to good and evil.
- IV. Man's spiritual condition at birth is physical life, and spiritual death – Adam's original sin – was imputed to us.
- V. When Jesus Christ died on the cross our sins were imputed to Him. When we believe, we have the imputation of divine righteousness to us.
- VI. There is the potential for great blessings in time – and these blessings are imputed to the indwelling Righteousness of God.

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TREE OF LIFE - PROVERBS

The issue is happiness in relationship to God; happiness in relationship to what God has provided.

- I. In the first 3 categories of trees in the Garden, God revealed His plan for man – Happiness; but the perfect happiness demanded perfect environment, a soul designed for happiness in perpetuation through the Tree of Life. The Tree of Life today is God's plan for happiness of mankind (the Divine Power System).
- II. God provided in the Garden the perfect soul, the perfect body, and the perfect environment for man's happiness.
- III. When Adam sinned, it was not a sin of morality, but a sin of rejection of God's Plan and God who had invented happiness for man – a REJECTION OF GOD HIMSELF. Happiness was, and is now, related to the soul; therefore happiness is a matter of DECISION. TODAY – IT IS DIVINE POWER SYSTEM.
- IV. Adam in the fall lost the divine provision of perfect happiness.
- V. After salvation, we can recover happiness but it is all related to a divine invention.
- VI. As indicated by the first category of trees in the Garden happiness is the first of all, the condition (status quo) of the soul, and if there is NO happiness in the soul, a person can have everything associated with happiness - and be miserable.

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- VII. As indicated in the second category of trees, happiness is expressed from the soul to the body.
- VIII. Believers as winners live in the DPS consistently, but believers who are losers live in the satanic sphere of power.
- IX. Therefore cosmic believers are not only losers, but are unhappy as well - no soul satisfaction, no happiness.
- X. Cosmic believers are always seeking, searching for some area associated with happiness.
- XI. Wrong conclusions for happiness: wealth, environment, marriage, sex, drugs, alcohol, new job, etc. There is no such thing as happiness in any thing associated with happiness, if you are unhappy. Socializing with happy people will not make an unhappy person happy. The issue is *status of soul!*