

Daily Devotional

Day Fourteen

(The Two Trees in the Garden)

God placed two special trees in the Garden of Eden, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil and the Tree of Life. The two trees are a picture of the Old and New Covenants. God created man in his image and after his likeness. In order for man to be like God he must have the freedom to choose. The two trees represent man's relationship with God or man's righteousness before God. The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil represents the Old Covenant. The Ten Commandments and the Laws of Moses reveal the knowledge of good and evil. This relationship with God is based on man's righteousness. Man's ability to obey God in his own strength and by his good works. God warned Adam not to eat from this tree. He told Adam the day you eat from this tree you will surely die. It is interesting that a day to the Lord is like a thousand years. When you read the genealogies of man in the Book of Genesis no one lived to be a thousand years old. They all died before the day was up. All who try to gain their righteousness by obeying the Law fall short and are found guilty before God. No one is justified by the Law. All who partake of the Law for righteousness shall surely die. The Tree of Life is a picture of the New Covenant. The cornerstone or the foundation of the New Covenant is the finished work on the cross. This relationship is based on God's goodness and his grace. The true righteousness of God is by faith. All who believe that God loved them so much that he sent them a Savior (a sacrificial Lamb, a substitute) who traded places with them at the cross shall have eternal life. Jesus bore the judgment that the Old Covenant required for sin, by becoming a sin offering on the cross. He reconciled man back to God by becoming his substitute. He bore man's sin and gave man his righteousness. He made a way for man to die and be born-again. All Christians have already been judged and died with Christ. We have passed from death into life. We will never be judged for our sins again. We will never taste death again. One day our mortal bodies will die but we (our spirit) will never die but live forever with our Lord. We have already resurrected with Christ Jesus. Our new man is created in true righteousness and holiness, which is by our faith in Jesus and his finished work at the cross. We already have eternal life in us. This eternal life that lives in us will give life and health to our mortal bodies fulfilling the promise of good health, long life and abundant prosperity that Jesus purchased for us on the cross. Jesus said he came to give us life and life more abundantly. This abundant life resides in us and is manifested to us by our faith.

Prayer

Father I thank you for saving me from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil and allowing me to eat from the Tree of Life. Jesus is the Tree of Life and all who believe in him are saved and receive eternal life. I believe in you Jesus and I receive your eternal life into my body.

Confession

I choose the Tree of Life. I choose you Jesus. Your abundant life is flowing through my body, my soul and my spirit. Your eternal life is keeping my body healthy, my soul sound and my provision blessed. I am one with the Father and with Jesus. I am a son of God. I am an heir of God. I am the redeemed of the Lord. Healing and good health belongs to me, I receive it now in Jesus Name.