THE MYSTERY OF THE TWO TREES

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Genesis 2:4-9

"4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

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5 When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up-for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground,

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6 and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground

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7 then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

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8 And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

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9 And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." (ESV)

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Genesis 2:15-17

"15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

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16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,

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17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (ESV)

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Genesis 3:1-7

"1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"

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2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,

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3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

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4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

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5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

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6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

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7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths." (ESV)

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Genesis 3:8-24

"8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

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9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

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10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

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11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

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12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."

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13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

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14 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

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15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

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16 To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you."

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17 And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

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18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

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19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

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20 The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

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21 And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

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22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever-"

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23 therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.

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24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life." (ESV)

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Matthew 7:16-20

"15 "Beware of false prophets (the Serpent in the tree of knowledge of Good and Evil), who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

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16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

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17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.

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18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit.

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19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

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20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits." (ESV)

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Acts 5:30

"The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by "hanging" him on a tree." (ESV)

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Galatians 3:13 (ESV)

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us-for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who "is hanged" on a tree." (ESV)

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Galatians 3:13

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree." (KJV)

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Numbers 21:4-9

"4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way.

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5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food."

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6 Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.

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7 And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

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8 And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live."

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9 So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole (to be erected on a hill). And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live." (ESV)

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John 3:14-15

"13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

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14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

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15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." (ESV)

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John 3:16

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (ESV) John 3:13-16

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So what is the "Mystery of the Two Trees"?