**Trees That Produce Good Fruit**

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| **Scripture Text**: |  |

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Genesis 1:9-13 KJV  And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.  (10)  And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.  (11)  And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.  (12)  And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.  (13)  And the evening and the morning were the third day.

Genesis 2:8-9 KJV  And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.  (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.

Genesis 2:17 KJV  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.

With this in mind, notice what Jesus spoke about.

Matthew 12:33-35 KJV  Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.  (34)  O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.  (35)  A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

Good trees make good fruit and corrupt trees make corrupt fruit.

Then Jesus Speaks of VIPERS - serpents.

Then he speaks of TREASURES OF THE HEART BEING GOOD OR EVIL.

All of this is from the Garden.
When you eat FRUIT OF LIFE, your heart becomes filled with a GOOD TREASURE as a result.
And IT WILL COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTH IN THE FORM OF WORDS.
Serpents speak evil things because they eat and they get others to eat fruit of the knowledge of good and evil.
THEY DON'T EAT LIFE.

And this is entrenched in religion and false Christianity.
If all you talk about is what is good or evil, and never get into the issues of LIFE, you have been eating from a corrupt tree and bring forth corrupt treasure.

GOOD OR EVIL discussions always focus on outward actions and activities.
They do not get to the REAL ROOT.
Does something have life or does it have death?
People who will miss all the work of God, and heaven itself, are those distracted from the tree of life to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil instead.
THEY SPEAK of outward things when it comes to religion.
God wants us to concentrate not on outward things, but rather on the INNER ROOT AND CORE of it all.
And when you get focused there, you can more correctly look at everything!

Colossians 2:20-22 KJV  Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,  (21)  (Touch not; taste not; handle not;  (22)  Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

Colossians 3:1-2 KJV  If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.  (2)  Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

People put their HEARTS in the things on the earth -- physical and outward.
All they talk about, even in their religion, are physical things and outward things.
But when we PUT OUR TREAURES IN HEAVENLY PLACES, we THINK OF things ABOVE this old earth and all the material and physical.
We think of ...

Colossians 3:12-14 KJV  Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;  (13)  Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.  (14)  And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Humility, meekness, patience, overlooking faults, forgiving each other, LOVE above all.

And look what Jesus said will happen:

Matthew 7:18-23 KJV  A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.  (19)  Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.  (20)  Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.  (21)  Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.  (22)  Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?  (23)  And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

God threw Adam out of the Garden because he ate the wrong fruit.
And when the end comes, He will not reinstate into the KINGDOM/Garden anyone who has continued to eat the wrong fruit.

The false fruit makes people proud in their religion.
Holier than thou.
They DO THEIR OWN WILL, and not God's will.
They make themselves important by using Jesus' name.
And Jesus will have blessed them in their ministry for the sake of ministering to people, but he never tolerated the people's attitudes themselves, and does not know THEM.

It takes a humble person to DO GOD'S WILL.
The false fruit is SELF WILL.

Genesis 3:5-6 KJV  For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.  (6)  And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Exalt oneself.

We need to eat the good fruit of the tree of life and produce a good treasure in our hearts, so that when the abundance of the heart is spoken through the mouth, WHAT COMES OUT IS A GOOD TREASURE.

When Jesus said I NEVER KNEW YOU, ...
It means, I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
I DO NOT PERCEIVE YOU.
I DO NOT RELATE TO YOU.
You do not do the Father's will.
I CANNOT RELATE TO THAT.
I cannot acknowledge you as one of my people.
You do not speak of the things I spoke of.
You do not humble yourself like I humbled myself.
You do not deny self as I denied self.

The WHOLE FOUNDATION must be right.

2 Timothy 2:19-20 KJV  Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.  (20)  But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.
2 Timothy 2:21 KJV  If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Notice TWO KINDS OF VESSELS.
We know truth, and but have mixed in some trash from the false tree.
Get rid of the false.
Purge yourself of the false.

Emphasize THESE INNER THINGS:

2 Timothy 2:22 KJV  Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

PEACE WITH THEM WHO CALL ON THE LORD.

2 Timothy 2:8-12 KJV  Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:  (9)  Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.  (10)  Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.  (11)  It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:  (12)  If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

SELF DENIAL is the CORRECT FOUNDATION.

Exalting self is what the wrong tree was all about.

It sounds pretty impressive to have everything that is good or evil down pat.

"You've been eating from the False tree!
"You are even appealing upon your knowledge of what is good in order to enter this kingdom.
"It's all WHAT YOU HAVE DONE!
What about MY WORK ON THE CROSS?
Do you appeal to that?
What about going back to the real issue -- LIFE?
What about DENYING YOURSELF to DO MY WILL AND NOT YOUR OWN, and knowing YOU SHALL GET LIFE YOU'LL NEVER LOSE?

Church becomes a social club and turns into a VIP club, where certain ones are in the "know".
You agree with them on what is good and evil, and you are allowed "in".

But TOLERANCE of those who disagree is not allowed, because LIFE produces tolerance and patience.

Romans 14:2-4 KJV  For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs.  (3)  Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.  (4)  Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

RECALL PEACE!  Follow peace with those who call on the Lord.
OVERLOOK DIFFERENCES AND GET ALONG!

Romans 14:17 KJV  For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Why do we feel we have to correct everyone all the time?
Eating false fruit.

You know what brings us victory in life and gets us into the promised land?

Joshua 3:2-3 KJV  And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host;  (3)  And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it.

Joshua 3:13 KJV  And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.

Look what is so significant about the ark.

Exodus 25:18-21 KJV  And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.  (19)  And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.  (20)  And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.  (21)  And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.

Leviticus 16:15 KJV  Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:

Where blood was sprinkled, the eyes of the cherubim looked.
Shed blood represents death of flesh.
Look at shed blood.
Look at death of self.
Look at self-denial.

Jesus shed his blood and saved us.
You likewise deny self.
YOU ARE LIKE JESUS.

Shows two things:

YOU LOOK AT HIS WORK ON THE CROSS for all victories.

YOU DENY SELF As he did to maintain the right concept for God giving victory.

GOLDEN FAITH!
The solid gold mercyseat where the blood is.
March with this in the front by declaring you face enemies with the faith in Jesus' work on the cross, and not any holiness of your own!
You deny self, and do HIS WILL, for God to use you!

ENTER THE KINGDOM!
Those who do not HIs will do not ENTER the kingdom!