



S1E6: The Tale of Two Trees

Part 3 of 4 looking at Act 1: Creation

⁸ Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹ The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:8-9).

THE TREES

- Trees – symbols that establish two polar realities:
- Tree of Life
 - eat freely from it (like *all* trees)
 - our life comes from outside of us, we are not it's source
 - represents that they had everything necessary to flourish in their purposes
- Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil: only prohibition
 - We have dominion but we're not the king
 - Creature is subordinate to creator
 - Only the Creator determines what is morally right and wrong
- The free access to the one is dependent on the appropriate obedience to the other

KINGDOM CREATED

Three things needed for kingdom: a ruler, people, land
 Biblical vision of creation: God's people in **obedient fellowship** with *Him*, in **harmonious fellowship** with *each other*, and in **responsible enjoyment** of the *physical world*.

- a PLACE to live together
- a WORLD to enjoy and use
- FELLOWSHIP with others and God
- WORSHIP and TRUST of God

