

Lesson 15 Gen 2

Identifying Characteristics of the two trees

Gen 2:9 (NKJV) "And **out of the ground** the LORD God made **every tree** grow that is **pleasant to the sight and good for food**. The **tree of life** was **also** in the midst of the garden, and **the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**."

Job 1:1-3 (NKJV) "There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man **was blameless and upright**, and one **who feared God and shunned evil**. [2] And **seven sons and three daughters** were born to him. [3] Also, **his possessions** were **seven** thousand sheep, **three** thousand camels, **five** hundred yoke of oxen, **five** hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that **this man was the greatest of all the people of the East**."

Job 1:8 (NKJV) "Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a **blameless and upright man**, one who **fears God and shuns evil**?"

Phil 3:5-6 (NKJV) "circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a **Hebrew of the Hebrews**; concerning the law, a Pharisee; [6] concerning zeal, persecuting the church; **concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless**."

Rom 1:17 (NKJV) "For in it [gospel] the **righteousness of God** is revealed from **faith to faith**; **as it is written**, "The just shall live by faith."

Rom 3:21 (NKJV) "But now the **righteousness of God** **apart from the law is revealed**, being **witnessed by the Law and the Prophets**."

Gal 5:4 (NKJV) "You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to* be **justified** by law; you have fallen from grace."

Gal 2:16 (NKJV) ""knowing that a man is **not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be **justified** by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be **justified**."

Rev 3:17 (NKJV) ""**Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'; and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked;**"

Psa 119:160 (NASB) "**The sum of Thy word is truth**, And every one of Thy righteous ordinances is everlasting."

Mat 13:52 (NKJV) "Then He said to them, "Therefore **every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old**.""

John 6:63 (NKJV) ""**It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life**."

Mat 4:4 (NKJV) "But He answered and said, "**It is written**, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, **but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God**.'""

Psa 14:3 (NKJV) "They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; **There is none who does good, No, not one**."

Psa 53:3 (NKJV) "Every one of them has turned aside; They have together become corrupt; **There is none who does good, No, not one**."

Rom 3:9-12 (NKJV) "What then? **Are we better than they? Not at all**. For we have previously charged **both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin**. [10] As it is written: "**There is none righteous, no, not one**"; [11] There is none who understands; **There is none who seeks after God**. [12] They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; **There is none who does good, no, not one**."

Mat 19:16-24 (NKJV) "Now behold, one came and said to Him, "**Good Teacher**, what **good thing shall I do** that I may have eternal life?" [17] So He said to him, "**Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.**" [18] He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, " 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' [19] 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" [20] **The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth.** What do I still lack?" [21] Jesus said to him, "**If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.**" [22] **But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.** [23] Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. [24] "And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.""

Job 13:15 (KJV) "**Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.**"

Job 27:1-6 (NKJV) "Moreover Job continued his discourse, and said: [2] "As God lives, **who has taken away my justice,** And the Almighty, **who has made my soul bitter,** [3] **As long as my breath is in me,** And the breath of God in my nostrils, [4] My lips will not speak wickedness, Nor my tongue utter deceit. [5] **Far be it from me That I should say you are right; Till I die I will not put away my integrity from me.** [6] **My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go; My heart shall not reproach me as long as I live.**"

Job 13:15 (NIV) "Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him; **my ways to his face.**"

Job 27:1-6 (NIV) "And Job continued his discourse: [2] "As surely as God lives, **who has denied me justice,** the Almighty, who has made me taste bitterness of soul, [3] as long as I have life within me, the breath of God in my nostrils, [4] my lips will not speak wickedness, and my tongue will utter no deceit. [5] **I will never admit you are in the right; till I die, I will not deny my integrity.** [6] **I will maintain my righteousness and never let go of it;** my conscience will not reproach me as long as I live."

Rom 9:31-32 (NKJV) "but Israel, **pursuing the law of righteousness,** has not attained to the law of **righteousness.** [32] Why? Because **they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law.** **For they stumbled at that stumbling stone.**"

Rom 10:1-4 (NKJV) "Brethren, my heart's desire and **prayer to God for Israel** is that they may be saved. [2] For I bear them witness that **they have a zeal for God,** but not according to knowledge. [3] For **they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.** [4] **For Christ is the end [telos:G5056] of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.**"

Luke 18:10-14 (NKJV) ""Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. [11] "The Pharisee stood and **prayed thus with himself,** 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men; extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. [12] **'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'** [13] "And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' [14] **"I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."**

Job 3:1-3 (NKJV) "After this Job opened his mouth and **cursed the day of his birth.** [2] And Job spoke, and said: [3] "May the day perish on which I was born, And the night *in which* it was said, 'A male child is conceived.'"

Job 32:1-2 (NKJV) "So these three men ceased answering Job, **because he was righteous in his own eyes.** [2] Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was **aroused against Job;** his wrath was aroused **because he justified himself rather than God.**"

Job 40:1-2 (NKJV) "Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said: [2] "**Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him?** He who rebukes God, let him answer it.""

Job 40:6-8 (NKJV) "**Then the LORD answered Job** out of the whirlwind, and said: [7] "Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me: [8] "**Would you indeed annul My judgment? Would you condemn Me that you may be justified?"**

Job 40:1-2 (NIV) "The LORD said to Job: [2] "**Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct him?** Let him who accuses God answer him!""

Job 40:6-8 (NIV) "**Then the LORD spoke to Job** out of the storm: [7] "Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. [8] "**Would you discredit my justice? Would you condemn me to justify yourself?"**

Prophecy teacher Tim Lahaye writes:

"The church should not be expecting the Tribulation period, **but Jewish people should.** ..." ¹ Emphasis mine.

Lahaye goes on to say:

"... **The church doesn't need to be tested**—we have already made our decision for Christ. ...It is a mystery to me how anyone can challenge Christians to live in expectation of the Rapture if it should follow the worst period of God's wrath in history. **Can a man honestly get excited about His coming if he knows that he can no longer support his family or buy food** for them because he refused the mark of the Beast? A believing father during that period will watch his children starve to death.... **No, the hope and comfort aspect of the Rapture DEMANDS that we ESCAPE the Tribulation**, being raptured out of this world before God's wrath begins.... **If Christ does not rapture His church before the Tribulation begins, much of the hope is destroyed, and thus it becomes a "blasted hope"**.² Emphasis mine

Another Prophecy teacher, Dr. Jack Van Impe echoes the same sentiment as follows:

"**This salvation from wrath cannot be the eternal deliverance from hell because the Christian already has that without Christ's return.**... Millions of believers are already in heaven. All who have died "in Christ" **during the past two thousand** years are already with Christ... **For God to have 99 percent of His church with Him while 1 percent suffers untold agonies would be inconsistent**...**Why should a minority suffer God's vengeance while the others watch from heavenly places?** ...Should 99 percent of His body in heaven rejoice while 1 percent upon earth suffers? ...Should 1 percent of the believers (constituting the Bride) languish in anguish while 99 percent abide at His side? ...**Love DEMANDS that all the remaining 1 percent join the 99 percent already in His presence, ...Common sense DEMANDS it; confusion reigns without it.**"³ Emphasis mine

Jer 17:9 (KJV) "**The heart is deceitful** above all *things*, and **desperately wicked**: who can know it?"

Rom 7:18 (NKJV) "**For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells**; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find."

Mat 5:48 (KJV) "**Be ye therefore perfect**, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

Mat 5:3 (NKJV) ""**Blessed are the poor in spirit**, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Luke 13:32 (NKJV) "And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, **and the third day I shall be perfected.**'"

Phil 3:12 (NKJV) "**Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected**; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me."

James 1:1-4 (NKJV) "James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings. [2] **My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,** [3] knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. [4] **But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.**"

James 5:10-11 (NIV) "Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. [11] As you know, **we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.**"

Ecl 7:8 (NKJV) "The end of a thing *is* better than its beginning; **The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.**"

¹ Tim Lahaye, Rapture Under Attack pg 82

² Tim Lahaye, Rapture Under Attack pg 54-68-69

³ Jack Van Impe, The Great Escape (Nashville, TN: Word Publishing 1998) pg 22-23

Job 42:3-6 (NIV) "You asked, 'Who is this that **obscures my counsel without knowledge?**' Surely **I spoke of things I did not understand**, things too wonderful for me to know. [4] "You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.' [5] **My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.** [6] **Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.**"

Deu 8:2 (NKJV) ""And you shall remember that the LORD your God **led you** all the way these forty years in the wilderness, **to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart**, whether you would **keep His commandments** or not."

Deu 8:16-17 (NKJV) ""**who fed you in the wilderness with manna**, which your fathers did not know, **that He might humble you** and **that He might test you**, to do you good in the end; [17] "then **you say in your heart**, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'"

2 Chr 7:14 (KJV) "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

John 6:28-29 (NKJV) "Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" [29] Jesus answered and said to them, "**This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.**"

Hab 2:4 (NKJV) ""Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But **the just shall live by his faith.**"

Rom 1:17 (NKJV) "For in it the **righteousness** of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith.""

Gal 3:11 (NKJV) "But that **no one is justified by the law in the sight of God** is evident, for "the just shall live by faith.""

Rom 4:3-5 (NKJV) "For what does the Scripture say? "**Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.**" [4] Now **to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.** [5] But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, **his faith** is accounted for righteousness,"

Phil 3:9 (NKJV) "and be found in Him, **not having my own righteousness, which is from the law**, but that which is through faith in Christ, **the righteousness which is from God by faith;**"

Mat 7:15 (NKJV) ""Beware of **false prophets**, who **come to you in sheep's clothing**, but **inwardly** they are ravenous wolves."

Mat 24:5 (NKJV) ""For **many will come in My name**, saying, 'I am the Christ,' **and will deceive many.**"

1 Cor 14:3 (NKJV) "But **he who** prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men."

Mat 4:5-6 (NKJV) "Then **the devil took Him** up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, [6] and said to Him, "**If You are the Son of God**, throw Yourself down. **For it is written:** 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"

Mat 4:7 (NKJV) "Jesus said to him, "**It is written again**, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'"

2 Cor 2:11 (NKJV) "**lest Satan should take advantage of us**; for **we are not ignorant of his devices.**"

Mark 4:13 (NKJV) "And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? **How then will you understand all the parables?**"

Shabbat Shalom!