

Orientation to God's Word

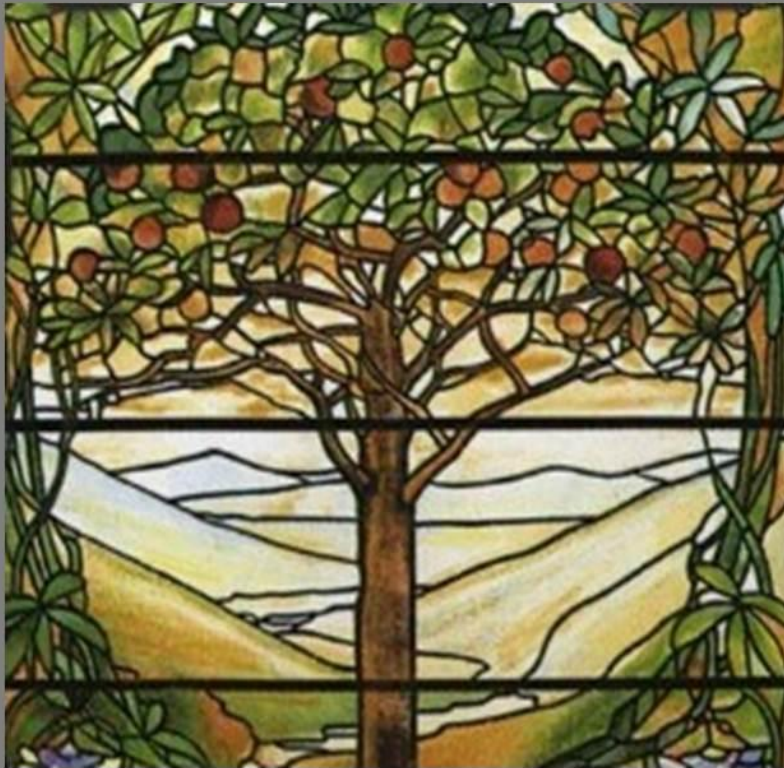
Lesson 3



2 Trees: Knowledge of Good and Evil / Life

The Forbidden Tree:

Q. Volition test? Q. Is God keeping secrets? Q. Or is this about relationship: who God must be for mankind?



The Un-forbidden Tree:


Q. Does God want them to choose this one? Q. Will he force them?





Subtilty:

1. Acuteness, penetration, perspicacity
(ability to observe with keen insight)
2. Skill, cleverness, dexterity

Serpent's Deception

Step 1: Question God's word  uncertainty

Step 2: Question God's intentions  doubt

Step 3: Supply a substitute motive for God's words/actions:  keep secrets, hold them back from their potential

Result: Nullify faith in God's word, thus make room for an alternate source of truth.

Genesis 3: 6

Eve's Temptation

The Tree was:

1. Good for food
2. Pleasant to the eyes
3. To be desired to make one wise

I John 2:16

Worldly Temptation

“things of the world”

1. Lust of the flesh
2. Lust of the eyes
3. Pride of Life



God responds in love, mercy and purpose:

1. Makes a Promise:
The Seed of the Woman (Gen 3: 14-15)
2. Provides a substitute sacrifice:
(Gen 3: 21)