





RETURNING TO THE TREE OF LIFE

Scripture depicts God's love for trees.

[Genesis 2:4-9] v9 They're beautiful!

Disobedience changed things **[3:22-24].**

Changed the relationship with each other **[3:7].**

Several tree stories in scripture:

[Job 14:7-14] Job compares man to trees.

The Law protected trees. **[Dt 20:19-20]**

Christ the Carpenter loved & used trees.

Christ the Creator made them. **Col 1:16**

Be balanced: Neither worship nor waste.

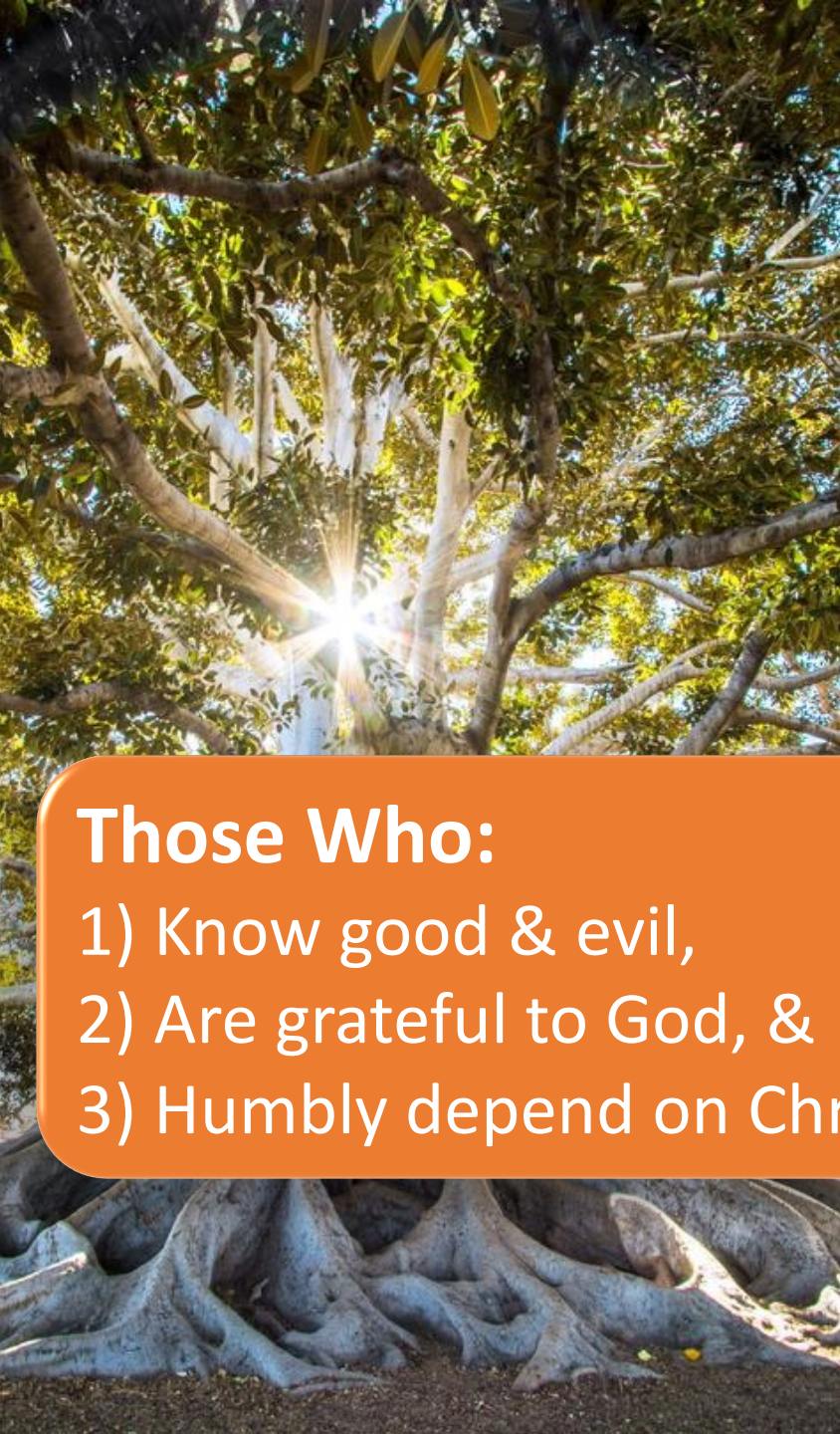


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Trees can be used to teach:

Jeremiah is used in [Romans 11:17-23]

The natural Olive Tree is Israel.

The wild branches are Gentiles.

The Gentiles were added to Christ.

The Point: Shun arrogance & embrace humility!

The Revelation brings it full circle. (2:7)

21-22 echoes Ezekiel 47.

...tree with leaves that heal the nations!

**Who can taste this great tree of Eden?
(Revelation 22:14)**

Those Who:

- 1) Know good & evil,
- 2) Are grateful to God, &
- 3) Humbly depend on Christ.