## **GARY REPORT**

## The Tree Of The Knowledge Of Good And Evil

In Ecclesiastes 1:9 we read: "That which has been is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which will be done. So there is nothing new under the sun." Then only two chapters later in 3:15 the same truth is repeated: "That which is has been already, and that which will be has already been, for God seeks what has passed by." And let us further recognize that the primary purpose of the Scriptures is to prophesy—either directly or in parables.

Having noted this, let me briefly share something with you regarding the bigger picture of what Yahweh set forth from the beginning in the Garden, and what it means specifically today. That which was set forth in Genesis 1-3 is an absolutely incredible and succinct living parable regarding the kingdom of heaven on earth. It is a snapshot of the entire drama of the kingdom. People naively look at the Garden as a nice little story, but rather it reveals the amazing way of Yahweh. Another way of looking at this is that those chapters are a seed testimony, planted regarding the kingdom that is to come; and we have the benefit of seeing its concluding fulfillment today! What I want to do here is address what is undoubtedly the most important element in this Garden testimony, and that is—the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

There were two noteworthy trees of course in the Garden: the tree of life from which they could eat, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil from which they could not eat. This is a most important distinction. In Genesis 2:16-17 we read: "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die." And may I say, that death was and has been inevitable!

But the serpent contradicted this command, answering Eve: "You surely will not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Doesn't this sound quite religious? He keeps the theme of the will of God, and adds a goal of being like Him. Such is religion today. And next the woman, the weaker vessel, adds to the perverted theme: "When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate" (Genesis 3:4-6). Of course this is when their eyes were indeed opened; but, in knowing that they were naked! In vain they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. This is the fig tree of Christianity that was cursed by Yahshua for not bringing forth fruit out of season. Click <u>here</u> to know more about this puzzling act. But were and have the fig leaves of Christianity been sufficient? Of course not! For two thousand years they have not been sufficient, and would be equally insufficient if given yet another thousand years. And after cursing all three of these Garden entities—the snake, the woman, and the man— Yahweh then made garments of skin for Adam and Eve and clothed them. This is what

we have to have today—the garments of "skin" which He Himself makes—bodies that are born from above.

But let us now ask a most important question. What is this tree of the knowledge of good and evil that we eat from today while in the "Garden"? And as well, what is the Garden? The Garden is in fact the church, the kingdom of heaven given to man early, "before the time" (Matthew 8:29). To understand this, read "The Nazirite Vow" and you will see why Yahshua went into a garden just prior to His crucifixion, why He did not want to drink from the cup, and why after rejecting it three times, in the end cried out "I am thirsty." He then drank from the sour wine, and gave up His spirit. This is critical for you to understand, if you want to know what the Kingdom is, what God is doing, and what He has to do right now, today.

So we ask the important question again: If we have the Garden, the kingdom of heaven, how is it that we too are eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and thereupon dying?

To understand this and find the critical answer, we have to see things the way God sees them. And the fact is, Christians have been blind for two thousand years—the blind leading the blind. They are nothing more than a deceived Eve who "saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise." Again, this was the tree from which they were not to eat. They could eat from every other tree, even the tree of life, but not from this one tree. And the fact is, it was as inevitable that we have eaten from this tree to this very day, as it was for Eve and Adam to have done so. "That which has been is that which will be." So what is this tree that we today cannot eat from but do so? What is this tree that thereupon defiles us and the kingdom, taking us to death?

To understand this, let us look at the all-important feasts in the original Law. There were of course three feasts: Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. Passover was the barley harvest where there could be no leaven. This feast relates to the unleavened Bride. Pentecost was in fact two loaves of leavened bread, which were to be waved before God but could not ascend to Him in a burnt offering. And of course leaven is corruption, which is why this bread could not ascend to Him. This is of course the two thousand years of Christianity. And the fact is, as Yahshua declared in His parable, if the Father does not cut their days short from three to two, they would be the three measures of meal that would all be leavened (Matthew 13:33)! So, with these two integral parts of the church set forth in these two appropriately related and even connected feasts, what and who then is the third and final feast—Tabernacles?

Very importantly, Tabernacles is unique from the first two feasts in that it is not related to a grain harvest that comes about by virtue of "death." In other words, in the first two the seed is sown into the ground, it "dies," and at the right time and with the application of life-giving water, it "resurrects" and brings forth fruitfulness. In contrast, Tabernacles is the grape harvest. Unlike the two grains that have to be beaten so as to remove the chaff, the grape has to be entirely crushed! Tabernacle then looks to the harvesting of the nations. Thus we find that there is the Bride barley, the Christianity wheat, and the nations grapes.

Let us now get back to our question as to what is this tree of the knowledge of good and evil that we eat from today while in the "Garden," the church. What is the bigger picture of what God is doing in and through the church? This isn't a children's Sunday school class with cute little Bible stories being told.

For two thousand years the church has never understood what the kingdom truly is. And frankly, it is good that they did not know, for if they did they might have just quit. You see, Christianity has been eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for two thousand years. They have been committing the sin of Eve for two thousand years. They have been listening to the serpent: "You surely will not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." But they have indeed died! So, very importantly, what is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

The answer is quite obvious. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the Garden was the <u>grape tree</u>, and Tabernacles is the grape harvest, that is the nations. Eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is specifically kingdom man partaking of the nations, being of this world. Or using another allegory, it is <u>Mystery Babylon</u> <u>Christianity</u> committing harlotry with the world.

Do you see that the problem is that Yahshua came early and gave the kingdom to man when the world belonged to the nations under the headship of Satan? Yahshua did not want to drink of this cup, drink of the nations, but He had to. And the Body of Christ has been doing the same ever since. So what is the outcome? It corrupts the kingdom and results in death and the curse, just as it did when Eve and then Adam ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now you see why Yahshua did not want to drink from the cup. It meant not only His defilement and death, but the defilement and death of the first Remnant and the Body of Christ as well! But, He had to drink from the cup so as to restore all mankind.

Look at the church, not only today but throughout its history. What do they do? They become Mystery Babylon harlots and drink from the cup, even the golden cup she holds in her hand "full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality" (Revelation 17:4). They obtain their pursued results from the world, using its schemes and enjoying its lusts. They conform to the world in appearance and in music and entertainment and in talk and in governance and more. They are NOT separate from the world! And as a result, they too are corrupted and die. And even those fleeting moments when there were the Puritans and such, neither did these last. In the next generation or two they were just as corrupt. That cup tastes too good, and made them happy and they even became drunk on it. They lived for the moment, just as they do today, and now even moreso.

Look at the way Christian women Eves dress. They too are harlots, listening to the crafty serpent and having relations with the world. It is as written in Jeremiah 4:30: "And you, O desolate one, what will you do? Although you dress in scarlet, although you decorate yourself with ornaments of gold, although you enlarge your eyes with paint, <u>in vain you make yourself beautiful</u>." This is precisely what Christian women do in the natural. They enlarge their eyes with paint, cosmetics, cosmos, the world. And it is not just in the natural. Christians take the things of this world, worldliness, and in

like manner enlarge their eyes with—increasing their attention upon—the pleasures and success and ways of the world. Thereupon they corrupt the kingdom. They think they can see more by applying the ways of the world, when they are just becoming harlots with it. Your eyes are not larger, Christians, you do not see more, you're just a harlot, applying the cosmetics, the things and ways of the world.

And even those who forsake these things such as the Amish or Mennonites or the Hutterites, you're still in the flesh and can never bring forth what we truly have to have. Frankly, the Hutterites, who hold all things in common, are as close in the natural to being the first Remnant as anyone; but even so, like the cursed fig tree they are out of season. The fact is, for two thousand years the church has failed to bring forth the much needed fruit of the kingdom, no matter how sincere and pure their efforts have been. The Pilgrims came to America to bring forth the kingdom, and in short order they too failed and were left in disappointment as those afterwards sought the world. For two thousand years there has never been a successful effort to bring forth the needed kingdom of heaven. All have gone the way of Yahshua at the hands of the Romans, the nations—to a transformation in appearance according to the ways of the world, and dying upon drinking from the cup, partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil! For the last two thousand years kingdom man in the Garden has had to drink from that cup that leads to death! Do you understand? And the core problem is—we have remained in this flesh! Until we escape this cursed flesh, failure is inevitable!

So what is the solution to this ongoing failure? What is the much needed answer? It is NOT the afflicted Body of Christ work. They have had one and only one destiny, and their tombstones prove it. It has been as written in Genesis 2:17 regarding the tree of the knowledge of good and evil: "in the day that you eat from it, in dying you will die." In so much that the Body of Christ has been put to sleep for two thousand years, Yahweh must now open their side, take out a rib, and form the Bride. That is the only solution! Once the Bride is formed in this day, Immanuel will come back to this earth but remain in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:17). From there He will call His bride up to Him, take her to heaven, transform her body (our bodies) into the heavenly, and bring her back with Him to this earth to rule and reign for a thousand years. Only then can the words of Yahshua be fulfilled: "I will not drink of the fruit of this vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom" (Matthew 26:29). In every regard, that time appears to be drawing nigh.

There are two groups of 144,000 in the book of Revelation. The first is in chapter 7, and the second in chapter 14. The first group is prophetic of the first Remnant, and the second is prophetic of the second Remnant. And there is a notation regarding the second Remnant that is most relevant to what we have noted thus far. Verse 4 tells us, "These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they are virgins." Let me assure you, these are no more literal virgins than either of these groups are literally 144,000. So what is the identity here? Go back to the Garden and what do we have there? The first words from Yahweh to Adam when he sinned was, "Because you have listened to the voice of your woman" (Genesis 3:17). And in 1 Timothy 2:14, it explicitly states that "it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being thoroughly deceived, fell into transgression." So when it says they have not been defiled by women, it is not sexual; but rather, it is not being deceived by the weaker feminine

nature. And part of that recognition is that the woman is not to lead or teach, but to remain silent in the church. And, we are not to be weak in feminine nature and drink from the intoxicating cup of the world.

But look at the churches today and tell me what is the testimony that they present? The churches are not virgins but are defiled by women in the way they immodestly and sensually dress, in their makeup (in other words a lie) they wear, by taking the place of the man in the church, by abandoning their role and place as a mother and wife, and more. (And let us not forget the church's worldly beat-driven music. Oh, where does this list of corruption stop?) And I will warn you, ladies, Jezebel likewise painted her eyes just before she was pushed out her window and Jehu's chariot ran over her and the dogs ate all but her skull, feet, and the palms of her hands (2 Kings 9:30-35). There is nothing good about a woman painting her eyes or putting on makeup! She attests to being a harlot! And the celibate Catholic priests are a miserable and shameful example as they obviously seek to be identified with the 144,000 who were not defiled by women. In fact, every effort of man to bring forth the pure kingdom, the Garden, has utterly failed by either actions or teachings or even finally in death! And people need to recognize this and abandon Christianity and seek to be the fulfilling Bride. For two thousand years Christianity has failed to bring forth the pure Garden; and they would continue to fail if they were given yet another thousand years. It would then be "My God, my God, why have You forsaken us?" The only hope today is the Bride that comes out of the sleeping Body of Christ.

Yahshua declared to His disciples: "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom" (Matthew 26:29). He has not drunk from the nations for two thousand years. That cup has belonged to Satan. But when He returns, Satan will be bound and Yahshua will be king and make the nations new. The cup that meant His death, and thereby the death of the Body of Christ, will finally become life, even life ever after!

Do you now see the bigger picture of this matter of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in regard to the nations? Do you see how under Satan the nations have corrupted the kingdom? And do you now see that when Immanuel returns, Satan will be bound and that cup will be made new? It is really quite simple. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil has meant death for kingdom man for two thousand years; but when we enter into born-from-above bodies and return with Immanuel to rule and reign with Him, that tree will be made new. And most importantly, the Garden will be fully restored, and thereupon the tree of life that has been unavailable for six thousand years, including the two thousand years of the kingdom, will now be available and can be eaten from. The angel with the flaming sword (Genesis 3:24) will lay it down and the tree of life, the Bride, will finally be available!

Thus, the Garden will now be complete in the Millennial Reign. That which has been in the original Garden, is that which will be fulfilled in the Millennial Reign. The Garden will be restored and fulfilled. There was the first Adam, and the fulfilling last Adam. Likewise, there was the first Garden, and now there will be the fulfilling last Garden. And Yahweh will be all in all on His Sabbath day, bringing His much needed rest to mankind!

Amen and amen forever! All glory be to His wonderful name! And all glory be to His wonderful name for opening our eyes to see these vital and marvelous truths! Amen and amen!

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