

What Went Wrong

## Temple References in Creation

God placed an Image in the Temple

God rested in the Temple.

God put priests in the Temple to work and take care of it. (Numbers 3: 7-8)

## Vocation the Creator gave to Humans

- 1) Kings and Queens (Gen. 1:28)
- 2) Priests (Gen. 2:15)

What do the trees say about mortality?

Tree of Knowledge

Genesis 2:17, “but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

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### Tree of Life

**Gen. 3:22, ...the LORD God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand & take also from the tree of life and eat, & live forever.**

## What do the trees say about mortality?

Adam and Eve could choose between mortality and immortality. They could choose between life or death. We still have this same choice.

What do the trees say about mortality?

The Torah became the new Tree of Life.

**19 This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you & your children may live. (Deut 30:19)**

## What do the trees say about mortality?

Jesus became the new Torah, the new Tree of Life.

**17** “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

(Matthew 5: 17)



## The Temptation

### What God said:

**“You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.” (Gen. 2: 16, 17)**

### What the Snake Said:

**“Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” (Gen. 3:1)**

## The Temptation

### Literal Interpretation of the Temptation:

“Even if God said do not eat from any of the trees of the Garden...”

## The Temptation

**“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” (Gen. 3:5)**

## The Temptation

**“22 And the LORD God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”**

**(Gen. 3:22)**

## The Temptation

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“So, you aren’t supposed to eat from any of these trees? That might be what God *said*, but what do you feel like? You can make your own choices. Do you really know that it won’t be good for you? Do you really know that you will die? That’s what God *said*, but doesn’t the fruit look good, and didn’t God put that desire in you? If He put that desire in you, maybe He actually approves of you eating from this tree. That may be what He *said*, but do it anyway.” And following desire rather than what God said led to sin, and...

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In Hebrew, the word knowledge means  
“experience.”

Sin changed everything

Sin means “missing the mark.”

Missing the mark is failing to align myself with the will of the Creator, failing to fulfill the reason that I was created.



## Our Vocation: To be Image Bearers, Reflectors

- 1) We reflect the Creator's wise stewardship into the world. (Kings)
- 2) We reflect the praises of all creation back to its Maker. (Priests)

## In Christ we recover our vocation

(Jesus) has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father. (Rev. 1:6)

You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”

(Rev. 5:10)

## Kings

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- It's my responsibility to help take care of others in God's kingdom.
- The things you do for the Kingdom will last forever.
- You have unlimited assets.

## Priests

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- People are watching and learning from your example.
- You are a worship leader.
- Your new vocation is reconciliation.



Love God

Serve People

Multiply Disciples

Know God

Find Freedom

Discover Purpose

Make a Difference