

"To keep the way of the tree of life"

Part I: [Psa 51:1-5](#)

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[Psa 51:4](#) Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest.

[Psa 51:5](#) Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Mankind has been predestined from the foundation of the world to be running away from God and going into the wilderness where we think we can avoid our Creator and not have to deal with the sinful nature, which we've been given ([Gen 3:9](#)).

King David is a type of the faithful elect who does not refuse to hear the voice of God as opposed to King Saul who is the type of God's rejected anointed. The verses below parallel with this scene in the garden of Eden along with Israel in the wilderness and our own lives as we see the miracle that takes place as God seeks an occasion against our flesh and through the chastening and scourging receives every son He loves ([Heb 12:6](#)).

Ultimately every son is received but there is no son who will not be received by the same exact method, as everyone of us must live by every word and go through Christ and His Christ symbolized by the flaming sword or Cherubim who guard the way to the tree of life ([Heb 12:25-29](#) , [Jas 1:1-27](#) , [Heb 6:12](#))

God flushes us out from amongst the trees ^{H6086} of the garden to bring us into a relationship of confession which is fraught with delusion and deflection and accusation, all revealing exactly what the Lord knows has always been within all in the first Adam. This judgement is accompanied with a means of salvation as typified by the clothing that was given to Adam and Eve at the expense of the coats of skin which God provided ([Gen 3:11-13](#) , [Gen 44:8](#) , [Act 7:9](#) , [Gen 3:21](#) , [Joh 3:16](#)).

Joseph being sold into Egypt is also a type of Adam and Eve being sold unto sin as their flesh takes the natural course of disobedience and hiding amongst the trees ^{H6086} ([Rom 7:14](#)).

What is the spiritual significance of trees in scripture?

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Being sold into Egypt is also a shadow of what our Father has allowed for Christ and His Christ to be sold under sin (sin and trespass) as Christ was predestined to go into Egypt

(the world, sinful flesh) and be called out an overcomer so that we could be dragged to him to do the same ([Hos 11:1](#) , [Joh 6:44](#) , [Hos 1:11](#) , [Rom 8:37](#)).

Looking at the word Jezreel

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From [H2232](#) and [H410](#); *God will sow; Jizreel*, the name of two places in Palestine and of two Israelites: - Jezreel. [*witness of Christ*]

Who it is that is experiencing the day of Jezreel is explained in these verses in Galatians ([Gal 3:16-29](#)).

The life of Adam and Eve and especially these foundational moments written for our admonition reveal a shadow of the process of coming out of the wilderness of sin, or the trees [H6086](#) which represent the flesh of the first man Adam.

We go from being Adam and Eve coming out of her my people ([Rev 18:4](#)) to becoming Jesus Christ able to flush out the lies of the devil and bring others to confess that they too are the man who is guilty of all as we know we are. Nathan is a type of Christ coming to God's elect and convicting him of his wrongdoing just as Christ was commissioned of our Father to do the same for Adam and Eve ([2Sa 12:7-10](#) , [Gen 3:23-24](#)).

All men are trees, including Christ, but what very few can see is that God made every tree of the field to grow from the earth ([Gen 1:29](#)) and the fact that the tree of life was created is yet another witness and shadow to the fact that Christ himself was created ([Rom 1:20](#) , [Col 1:15-18](#) , [Rev 1:5](#)).

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil also proceeding from the earth is a type of the law that revealed the lust that was in Eve's and our hearts from our marred beginning ([Rom 7:7](#) , [Jer 18:4](#) , [Joh 8:44](#) , [Rom 6:16](#)). This tree was meat for her, as well as the tree of life which will one day be the real manna that will feed her and not the law of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which was the tree that was pleasant and comely and the one we are all drawn to at first but not able to properly discern. Taking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil as Adam and Eve did as unconverted babes was an act of disobedience and demonstrated that they were carnal.

What God has purposed is that in time and through growing in maturity all of humanity will one day be able to rightly divide and partake of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ([Isa 5:20](#) , [Isa 45:7](#)). Strong meat however can only be received by those who are made ready to receive it, and it is through an experience of evil an act of disobedience and thinking that we can solve the world's problems by dividing light and darkness with yet carnal minds that gives us all our woe and suffering in this life. Only Christ is able to use evil for good and to discern and divide the light from the darkness with the sharp two

edged sword of God's word. The day of the Lord is upon us today as God's elect so that we can learn to discern between good and evil, light and darkness and as we grow in grace and knowledge this discernment that God is growing us up in will nourish us and be meat for us because we are being given increase in the mind of Christ that witnesses to our sonship in this age ([Heb 5:14](#) , [Joh 3:30](#) , [1Co 3:6](#) , [Rom 8:16](#)).

[Gen 1:29](#) And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat ^{H402} . ([Gen 9:3](#) , [Ecc 1:13](#) , [Num 14:9](#)).

The people of the land of Num 14:9 have the tree of the knowledge of good and evil within them as do we, and it is the experiences that God sets before us that grow and mature us in the mind of Christ. These trees which men are ([Mar 8:24](#)) will be meat for us provided we are given the power of God's spirit which will embolden us to not fear the people as we discern what God is doing ([1Jn 4:18](#) , [Psa 118:6](#)).

At the appointed time Adam and Eve hid themselves "from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.". This was another stage of their wilderness experience where they knew they were naked and they were afraid ([Gen 3:10](#)). God brought them into a place of judgement for what they were doing and used the evil experience for good, dividing the light and darkness which cannot be hidden from Him ([Psa 139:12](#) , [1Jn 1:5](#)). God is showing us through this story that He is Sovereign over every single detail of our walk, while we were yet sinners ([Rom 5:8](#)) and while we are dying daily and overcoming by the tree of Life who now enables us to abide in the truth and not run from it as we will all do until we don't, by being dragged and brought into judgement ([1Pe 4:17](#)) to give an accounting for our actions ([Joh 8:32](#) , [Joh 15:4](#)).

Christ is central to every story of the bible as He is the means by which we can overcome the earth, and the evil earthly experience that humbles us being born in marred flesh. We are blessed to see that we all come out of the earth and out of Egypt ([Hos 11:1](#)), by the hand of God working in Christ through us ([Col 1:24](#)). We are these trees, these earthen vessels that are predestined to become more than conquerors through Christ the tree of life ([Gen 3:24](#) , [Pro 11:30](#)).

Our job today as a kind of first fruit trees of God is to follow the example of Christ in the garden and keep the way of the "tree of life". This Psalm 51 is another bright and pivotal reminder for us of how God causes us to err and seeks an occasion against our flesh and then brings Christ (Nathan) to us to expose the darkness and lead us unto His goodness in this age ([2Sa 12:7](#) , [Rom 2:4](#)).

This Psalm will help us remember that we are the man that is driven out of the garden and only by the grace and faith of God's great favor are we reinstated to become the Cherubim's who spend the rest of our natural lives fulfilling our commission of keeping "the way of the tree of life".

That flaming sword is the word of God being wielded in each of our lives', as iron sharpens iron, keeping the entire body safe from any heresy by burning up everything

that comes into it's way.

"[Gen 3:24](#) So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubim's, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

Our first verse:

[Psa 51:1](#) *To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.*

There is safety in the multitude of counselors ([Pro 11:14](#)) when we find within that counsel "the multitude of thy tender mercies" that help "blot out my transgressions." But if we are not given to be merciful toward others, this too is a work of God that we will grow in as we're brought in remembrance of how much we are indebted to God, and ought to forgive from our hearts are brother all their trespasses ([Mat 18:33](#)).

any comments on this first verse?

[Psa 51:2](#) Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

A great example of being washed thoroughly and being cleansed of our sin is found in the parable of the good Samaritan ([Luk 10:30-37](#)). The conclusion of the matter is to show mercy ([Luk 10:37](#) , [Jas 2:13](#)), and it is that mercy that is so lacking in us when we look away from the brokenness of others and don't stop to consider how we can help this "certain man [who] went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves".

We know today by God's mercy that we are the man, those thieves of ([Mat 27:38](#)), and that man who went down from Jerusalem is Christ whom God has brought into the world to take on our stripes and be healed so that we can now do the same ([Pro 20:30](#) , [Isa 53:5](#) , [Heb 4:15](#)).

any comments on this verse?

[Psa 51:3](#) For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Acknowledgement or giving an accounting is what is impossible for us to do until we are convicted by the holy spirit ([Rom 2:4](#) , [Rom 8:14](#)). Until this happens our sin is ever before us, and whether we know it or not the Lord causes us to sin ([Isa 63:17](#)), and brings unto into a place of giving an accounting for that sin with a humble and contrite heart if He is working with us in this age ([Isa 66:2](#)).

any comments on this verse?