



TREES AND THE BIBLE – By Dr. Dennis L. Lynch, Professor Emeritus of Forest Sciences -2008

Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden;

And the Lord God made all kinds of **trees** grow out of the ground – **trees** that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the **tree** of life and the **tree** of the knowledge of good and evil.... The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to **work it and take care of it**.must not eat from the **tree** of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.

...You will not surely die, the serpent said.

...she took some and ate it... also gave some to her husband.

...they hid from the Lord God among the **trees** of the garden....So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden ...GENESIS 2:8-3:24 NIV

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. So make yourself an ark of cypress **wood**,...coat it with pitch. Go out of the ark ... be fruitful and multiply on the earth. GENESIS 6:8, 14 ; GENESIS 8:16-17

The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great **trees** of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. GENESIS 18:1 NIV

When they came to Marah they could not drink the water because it was bitter. So the people grumbled

...Moses cried to the Lord and the Lord showed him a piece of **wood**. He threw it into the water and it became sweet. GENESIS 15:23-25 NIV



Psalm 1:

Blessed is the forester who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked... his delight is in the law of the Lord and he meditates on it day and night. He is like a **tree** planted by streams of water, which yields its **fruit** in season and whose **leaf** does not wither. Whatever he does **prosper**.

Solomon:

"I undertook great projects: ... I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit **trees**...I made reservoirs to water groves of flourishing **trees**.

ECCLESIASTES 2:4-6 NIV



Christ **redeemed us from the curse** of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a **tree**."

He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to us through Christ Jesus, so that by **faith** we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

GALATIANS 3:13-14 NIV

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "**Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them.**

They will be his people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. REVELATION 21:3 NIV

Then the angel showed me the river of water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the **tree of life**, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the **leaves of the tree** are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any **curse**. REVELATION 22:1-3 NIV

- God has had a plan for mankind since the beginning of creation.



- He created us to care for trees and trees were to be a blessing to us for such things as food, beauty, and wood products.
- Disobedience to God resulted in a curse that separated us from Him.
- But, Jesus Christ took that curse upon Himself and hung on a tree that we might be reconciled to God.
- If we believe Him and ask Him into our lives we can look forward to eternity where the tree of life bears **fruit**, provides **leaves** for our healing, and we know true **peace**.
- **It was by a tree that man sinned, it was through a tree that sin was dealt with, and it will be through a tree THAT WE ARE FINALLY TOTALLY HEALED!**