

The Adamic Covenant

The “*tree of life*”, symbolic of eternal life set in the middle of the garden must have been a constant daily reminder of what God was offering to Adam and Eve, and all who would be born through their union.

The “*tree of the knowledge of good and evil*” was symbolic of the test of obedience given by God.

Adam and Eve had been given the right to rule all that was on earth but were accountable to God as to how they ruled.

The knowledge of good had been given by God in the instructions Adam received with the work given to him on how to take care of the world in which he was placed.

Genesis 2:15-17 [NIV] “*The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.”*”

The test was to accept what God said was evil and what was good for Adam, not to experiment with evil to prove what God said, by personal experience.

The test was and still is, do we trust God’s Word?

As God is Sovereign He has the right to give His creation whatever commands He thinks proper.

When we, in our pride and vanity, seek to prove by personal experience what is good and what is evil, we lose sight of our origin and our end.

This revealed original purpose of God is central to all the covenants that God has made with the Adamic race throughout history.

Genesis 2:8-9 [NIV] “*Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. 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.*”

Note: Included among the trees in the garden of which Adam and Eve could enjoy the fruits was the “*tree of life*”.

But this tree was only available subject to obedience, not taking of the “*tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*”

This was a covenant of law, Adam and Eve had to comply to God’s conditions.

Genesis 3:1-5 [NIV] “*Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” “You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”*”

After disobedience, prompted by Satan’s lies, the “*tree of life*” was not available to Adam to Eve.

Genesis 3:22-24 [NIV] *“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 for ever.” So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.”*

But this did not leave the Adamic race without hope because God had already taken action to cover [atone for] the shameful sins of Adam and Eve.

Genesis 3:21 [NIV] *“The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.”*

To make these skins, death and the spilling of blood was involved, foreshadowing the covenants of grant that God would make eventually with all the Adamic race.