



STUDY #8 Trees

When we look at a tree, we can learn something of the God who created it!

Here are 4 ways that trees speak of their creator!

The plan of redemption can be summarized with three trees. The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil brought sin to the human race. The tree that was made into a cross is where Christ defeated sin. The Tree of Life will once again be a centerpiece of our eternal, sinless existence with God. Trees have a lot to tell of their creator. The following four points of this study are divided into two tree categories, roots and fruits.

ROOTS MATTER!

1- Trees speak of a creator who is a life-giving root!

- **John 15:5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.
- **Job 14:7** For there is hope for a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease.
- **Romans 11:24** For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

2- Trees speak of a creator who cares about where we are planted!

Environment impacts growth. What kind of nourishment does your environment supply to your roots?

- **Psalms 1:3** He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. (See also Jeremiah 17:8)
- **Matthew 7:17** So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.

FRUIT MATTERS

3- Trees speak of a creator who provides fruit for us!

- **Genesis 2:9** And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food.
- **Revelation 22:2** Through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
- **Genesis 1:11** Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.
- **Ezekiel 47:12** And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.

4- Trees speak of a creator who produces fruit in us!

- **John 15:5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.
- **Matthew 3:10** Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
- **Luke 6:43-45** For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit...

Share!

Share an experience you have had with bad fruit.

Share an experience when you made poor choices of where to sink your roots.

How have you experienced trees in a way that has helped you connect with God?

What is your biggest takeaway from this study?

Sing!

The Trees of the Field, I Shall Not be Moved, The Fruit of the Spirit Song