

## **“Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil” – Sermon Notes**

**March 3, 2024—Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17—series: Five Trees**

Three lessons from the Garden of Eden:

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- Is there any lie from the devil that I need to turn from?
- Today, do I need to...
  - listen to the truth?
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1. The serpent’s main tool is words—thoughts and messages from others—which means its power is through what? If our mind & our flesh are prepared, what happens to its power?
  2. What power can a half-truth have? What is a half-truth about sin you believed at one time but no longer do?
  3. Nevertheless, something in Adam and Eve pulled them away from the truth. Ephrem the Syrian says: “The avarice of Adam and Eve was far more injurious to them than the counsel of the serpent.” How do we make sure our heart isn’t weak to the passing words of the enemy of our souls? See Ephesians 6:10-12.
  4. In 3:8, God came into the garden looking for Adam and Eve. Pastor Eric wonders what would have happened if Adam and Eve had confessed their sin to God right away. What do you think?
  5. In 3:12 who does Adam blame? In v13, who does Eve blame? What does this say about their hearts toward God?
  6. Is there anything you need to take responsibility for before God? Is there anything you need to prepare for so that you may have victory?
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