

# **THE UPWARD JOURNEY**

## **Part 3**

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I'm going to be continuing The Upward Journey Part 3 tonight.\* How many remember we started about the circles last week? We talked about how to interpret the scriptures with PARDES (PRDS), so forth and so on. Tonight we're going to continue on with the upward journey. Revelation 12:9.

### **Revelation 12:9**

**And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world, he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**

How many does Satan deceive? *The whole world*. Say it again. *The whole world*. Everybody. Satan has deceived everybody on your street. And I'm going to say something now—probably everybody in your family. Your Bible said the whole world is deceived. Now tonight God told me to preach and teach our people how not to be deceived. Amen? Listen, deception is not something that might come your way, it's something that will come your way. You better be prepared to be delivered from deception. And tonight that's what I'm teaching—how to be delivered from deception.

How many in this room is your prayer—I don't want to be deceived? If Satan has deceived the whole world, you live in that world don't you? What does that mean? At one time you were deceived. You were born deceived. You lived your life deceived. Hallelujah. Let's go to Ezekiel 44:23. Tonight I believe the lesson we're going to teach you will forever keep you walking in the place you're supposed to be walking in with God.

Now what I'm going to read to you is the job of a preacher. Whenever you think about what the job of a preacher is we normally think of someone who visits the hospital, someone who dedicates the babies, someone who prays for the sick, someone who comes visit you when you skip church three times because you want a visit from the preacher—well hello? *Well I know if I skip three services he'll come visit me*. That's the way we grew up. So that's the job of a preacher supposedly. But I'm going to show you what Yahweh, our God, said that the job of the man of God is. This is his only job.

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**Ezekiel 44:23**

**And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.**

That's my job. You see, some preachers, because they're on payroll, think it's their job to get people to like them. If you haven't figure that out, I couldn't care less. I don't care if anybody likes me. I'll answer to Yahweh one day and if I taught you the difference — somebody say THE DIFFERENCE. Have you ever heard somebody ask you this question...*well what's the difference?* My job's to teach you the difference. Your job's to know the difference, and my job is to teach you how to discern. And once you learn to discern, you become an enemy to hell because you can see through the junk. Let's go to Acts 3:19-21.

**Acts 3:19-21**

**19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted (changed), that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of Yahweh.**

**20 And he shall send Yahshua Messiah, which before was preached unto you,**

**21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution (restoration) of all things which Yahweh hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.**

Do you know what that verse just said? Heaven is holding Yahshua back. The heavens must receive him (holding back). He's like a horse ready to come out of the barn. But the heavens are holding him back literally, till a certain time. The time of what? The restoring of all things. That's why when people ask you this question...*Why do you have to know all that? We didn't have to know all that.* Because you weren't living in the restoration of all things.

But God is restoring everything that the enemy stole from the church throughout the years, it's all being restored in our day. Not yesterday, not in their day. This is the time of the restoration of everything! He's restoring true baptism, he's restoring the name, he's restoring the Sabbath, he's restoring the commandments, he's restoring everything that the enemy took out.

Tonight I want to teach you "discerning the deception". I'm going to need you to pay close attention while I build this little foundation tonight. Most deceived people do not know they're deceived. There is a duality that you will deal with in your walk with God. Everyday you will deal with one or two forces, good and evil.

How many of you in your life have ever experienced evil? How many of you have ever experienced good? Well the job of the end time church will not be to discern between good and evil. Now I'm ready to load a truth bomb on you so get ready. The church that you're a part of today, we're not being called to discern between good and evil—pretty much everybody knows it's evil to kill somebody. It doesn't take anybody walking in the Spirit to discern you don't steal from somebody. That's evil. Pretty much everybody can discern that, correct?

You're being called in the end time to discern the difference between good and good. You see, mankind is good. We mow our neighbor's yards. We raise a little offering for so-and-so if they need to go somewhere. That's good things, right? Yes, we like to go down to the soup kitchen and volunteer, that's a good thing. Oh, I want you to hear what I'm teaching tonight!

You're living in an age where everybody's favorite line when you're talking to them is about why they need to sell out to God, or why they need to keep the Sabbath, or why they need to come to the house of God. I love their response. *Well I'm a good person. I don't kick dogs. I don't steal. Are you telling me I'm not a good person?* Your job coming today is to discern the difference between good and good. God's not calling anybody in this room to be good. He's calling you to know the difference between good and holy. Good isn't holy.

Good isn't holy! You see, we're living in an age where mankind wants to be good but nobody wants to be holy! You better learn the difference. You see, your neighbor comes at you...*I've broke down, can you help me?* Oh yeah. Then you go home feeling so good about yourself. You did something good! The whole time robbing God of his tithe, making you unholy, all of your good just went down the drain.

You see, God's good and man's good don't compare. And all your neighbors are good folk, but they may not be holy folk. We're being called now into the final church age to come out of just being good and move into a totally sold-out life to God! Being holy we don't want good, we want holy!

Let's start working this thing...Matthew 19:17. I want the whole world to hear this because everybody's good. Everybody watching me on YouTube, your good, I know your good. As a matter of fact, when I tell you that you're not living for God like you ought to, the first thing you say is...*but I'm a good person.* Well honey if you're a rebellious person you ain't good.

**Matthew 19:17**

**And he said unto him, Why call me good? There is none good but one, that is, Yahweh, but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.**

So this person came up to Yahshua and called him good master. Do you know what he said unto him? There's nobody that's good but Yahweh. So when somebody says I'm a good person, don't be deceived. There's nothing about you good. You see, there's a human good, then there's a holy good. You better learn the difference because ladies and gentlemen, Yahshua said that your goodness does not match up to what my Father calls good! Good is not the same as obedient!

**Good is not the same as obedient!**

You can be good all you want to, but if you're not obedient to every bit of the word of God, you have a false goodness. You have a false goodness, it's a goodness that will not work! *Well, we're out here feeding the hungry.* That's good. Where were you on the holy Sabbath? (Doing their own thing, but they're good people.) I hope you're going to follow me through this tonight. You see, God doesn't want one of you in this room to be good. He wants you to come to a higher place that's called holy, acceptable unto God. Hallelujah!

*Brother Vaughn, so you're telling me not to help folks? Let me tell you something. Let me tell you—doing good is almost like a drug. It really is. Well I did something good to help them.* Baby you did it for your little high, ok? That's just the facts. *Well I went down there and I fed the hungry.* Now you're telling everybody about it. Do you know why? Because it gave you a high.

Now there is a way to help people, but it's not so that you can get the high off of it. It's because you're so much like your Father that you can't help but to help. It comes from a higher source than your need to feel good about yourself! Hallelujah! We've got some folks—they will do good because it makes them feel good. *You know I did something good.* I'm going to say this to everybody here tonight. God's putting a people together today that's moving beyond good. They're moving into complete obedience to God. Let's read Isaiah 64:6.

**Isaiah 64:6**

**But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags, and we all do fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.**

Did you hear it? I'm a good person. Do you know what God just said about good people? "Good people are filthy rags to me." *I volunteered for the Salvation Army.* But did you kneel down in prayer this morning and submit your life to the will of God? Did you obey him in every area? Then what you did stinks to God! He said..."your good works, when I look at them, I see them as old tattered garments because you're trying to use your good works as your salvation, but until you become holy, I don't want anything to do with you."

*I work down at the homeless shelter.* But did you pay your tithe? *I do this. I do that.* But where were you? Were you in your prayer this morning? Were you telling the Lord...without you I'm nothing, without you I fail, without you I'm helpless. Help me Holy Ghost! I don't want to be good! I want to be holy! Hallelujah. To be holy I need a helper. To be good I don't need any help.

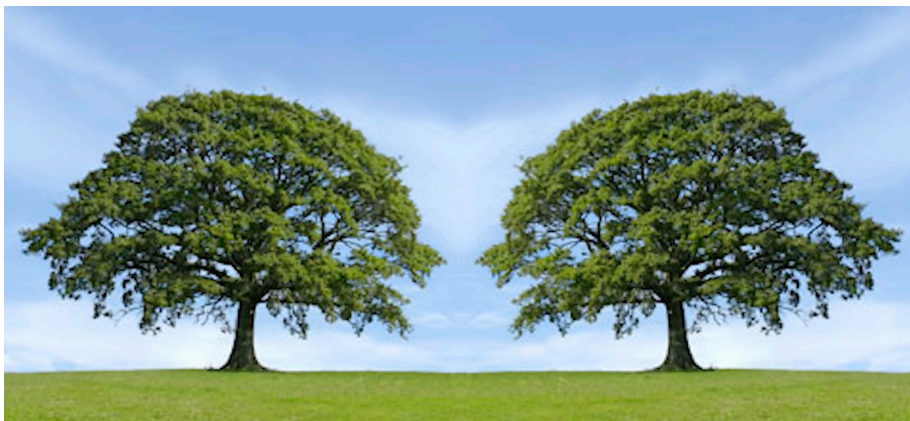
Oh yeah. Let me show you the difference in good and holy. Good is when brother so-and-so calls me to come help him out of the ditch. You see, that's good, I went and helped him. But holy is when my enemy says...*can you help me out of the ditch?* We're talking about a whole new level! We're talking about a whole new level that God's wanting to bring us to. God only accepts one level of good—it's called holiness.

Now I want you to read with me Genesis 2:9. Tonight I'm going to give you the revelation of what you need to not ever be deceived.

### **Genesis 2:9**

**And out of the ground Yahweh made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.**

I want everybody to pay attention to this screen. I want everybody to look at this. It's the scariest picture you'll ever look at.



Why is this picture scary? Your entire Bible is about these two trees. I want to show you what is so scary about these two trees. You can't tell the difference! They look alike, they smell alike, they have church alike—I need you to walk with me now. They're identical. And yet in their substance they are totally different. But you can't tell it by looking at them. You can't even tell it by smelling it. They all smell like an oak tree.

These two trees God said the whole Bible is all about. I'm going to show you where your Bible starts with that tree and ends with that tree. I want everybody to look at this picture. This picture is the purpose of our ministry here at First Harvest. If you don't get the understanding of the two trees, or the two kingdoms, or the two gospels, or the two Christs—shall I continue? The whole Bible is about the two trees. I want you to always remember that.

Those two trees represent two paths, two choices, two ways of life. The sad thing about it, without discernment, you do not know which one is the tree of life or which one is the tree of death because they preach just alike!! These are called the twin spirits of the church—from these two trees.

Now let's follow it even further. Let's go over to Cain and Abel. Who was Cain and Abel? They were both worshippers of God. What was Cain doing that day? Bringing an offering to Yahweh. He was headed to church. Abel was headed to church. Two trees! There they are, Cain and Abel. Watch them! Two trees. Twin brothers, couldn't tell the difference betwixt them. I'm going to teach you tonight how to discern the difference.

Now let's follow these spirits. Let's go see Ishmael and Isaac. Same family, ate at the same table, but totally different. Follow it on down to Jesus and Judas Iscariot. Two twin spirits sitting at the same communion table together. Come on! Judas was eating the body and drinking the blood—but totally different. Everyone better understand in this church tonight. These two trees are the great deception that is in the world today.

The first tree on the left we're going to name the "True Tree" — the tree of life, but we're going to call it the True Tree. Why? Because what does a tree do? It gives life, fruit. What do we do with a tree? We build houses with them, we get shade, and we eat their fruit. A true tree produces life. So the tree on the left is the True Tree.

Now the Hebrew word for tree of life is *Chay*. It means "to live or to remain alive, to revive from sickness and death". So this tree on the left, if you eat from it, you will remain alive, ok? Let's keep that in our mind. When we eat of that tree, we remain alive because it is the tree of life. Let's read Psalm 119:25-28.

**Psalm 119:25-28**

**25 Our lives cling to the dust, restore us to life according to Your Law!**

**26 We have declared our ways, recounting our grief to You, and You listened to us. Teach us Your statutes.**

**27 Make us understand the way of Your precepts, and we will meditate upon and talk of Your wondrous works.**

**28 Our souls melt, weeping away, from heaviness and sorrow, strengthen us and lift us up according to Your word, the Law and the Prophets.**

Every one of those quicken us, lift us up—is the Hebrew word “Chay” in every one of those places. Quicken us! Lift us up! Because he said we’re dying. But when CHAY comes into our life, it brings us LIFE! And then he said that Chay is the commandments of God. Your precepts, obedience to your commandments is Chay. It is life. It is the tree of life.

I want to say this to everyone here today. If you are in a church that’s preaching that the commandments of God have been done away with, they are feeding you from the tree of death. Believe what I just told you. According to Psalms, if I want life, I need his precepts! I need to live how he told me to live. Go to John 6:33 and tell me where this life comes from. Listen carefully.

**John 6:33**

**For the bread of Yahweh is He Who came down out of Yahweh, and gives life to the world.**

He gives what? Life! Listen to me. When he spoke, he spoke what was back in that Old Testament. He spoke life. How could he come speaking life when all he spoke was the Old Testament if the Old Testament’s been done away with and only brings death? Is anybody following me?! He brought life!

When man rejected the tree on the left which Adam did, he rejected access to the depth of that life or the abundant life. He rejected access to that abundant life. So think of this Adam now and his progeny have no access, not to the tree, but to the life that was in the tree. Every one of them are dead men walking. Only a few of them did God give his Holy Spirit to throughout the Old Testament. David was one of them. David said...take not thy Holy Spirit from me. That’s why I laugh when people say the Holy Spirit only came in the New Testament. You don’t know what you’re talking about. It was the Holy Spirit that breathed on the water and created everything.

The Holy Spirit breathed on the water, and God gave a few men the Holy Spirit. Do you know who he gave the Holy Spirit to in the Old Testament? Those who loved his law. That's right. Those who loved to obey him. Now read Genesis 3:24.

**Genesis 3:24**

**So He drove out the man, and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the Tree of Life.**

Did you hear that? The way back to life was impossible for you. It was impossible. You could not get there without access to this way of life, this truth of obedience to God. Man has no access to life.

Now what is the only way that you and I can get back to life? The answer is in 1 Corinthians 15:53-54. Every one of us were dead men walking. We had no access to the tree of life.

**1 Corinthians 15:53-54**

**53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption...**

Alright so you're dead, right? You're dead. This corruption. But if you want life put on the opposite of death.

**...and this mortal must put on immortality.**

This dying must put on living.

**54 So when this corruptible will have put on incorruption, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory.**

Now see, until you start putting on immortality you're dead. Now when do we start putting on immortality? When you put inside of you the seed of immortality which is the baptism of the Holy Spirit which is the word of God. The moment the seed from the tree of life drops inside of you, the tree starts growing in your life again! You're putting on LIFE.

There's a tree growing in me, oh yes! What does a tree do? It gives you seed. You take the fruit of the tree, you get the seed out, you plant it, you get another tree. When the seed of the Holy Ghost came into you, that seed from the tree of life dropped inside of you, and we water it with the word of God. And there's a tree growing in me!! The tree of life is rooted in you.



Everything that was in that first tree is now in you because the tree is the true tree of God. And now when you receive the Holy Spirit what drops inside of you is not the fruit of that tree because you have to develop that. But it's the root of that tree that's planted in your spirit-mind. When you're baptized in the water, when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, the seed is dropped by the bird of heaven. That speckled bird—he drops that seed of life inside of you. And then all of sudden, where you were dead, you start feeling alive in the Spirit. What God is doing now is planting the trees.

He's planting the trees. Do you know why he put a sword there, can't come in? Because it wasn't the time for the restoration of all things, you see? You've got to stay with me. But listen carefully to me now. As you desire the tree you become the tree. I need you to hear me now. As you desire the tree, more and more of the tree will come to you! What once starts as a seed begins to grow into a mighty tree of life! The tree is coming to you as you come to the tree!

The tree is calling you back children, do you hear me? That tree in the Garden of Eden is calling every one of you—come on back! Awww but how do I get back? You don't, it comes to you. Did you hear me? The tree comes to you, and one day when you heard the gospel, and you said yes Lord, that seed—the Bible said it might have found a good ground, it may not have. But if it found a good ground, all of a sudden tomorrow you're going to want more of the tree and you're going to look in your life and see more of the tree of life!

Everywhere that you were dead and powerless all of a sudden is alive, full of power, full of authority, full of anointing—there's a tree in me!! Hallelujah to God! You need this tree because there's something in it that causes mortality to put on immortality, it causes corruption to then becoming incorruptible.

You see, you all are waiting for the resurrection to become incorruptible. No, no, no. What is the word for incorruptible? Life. That life was planted in you. So you are currently corruption putting on incorruption. You are currently mortal putting on immortality.

*Oh what do you mean brother Vaughn?* I'll tell you. When you couldn't tell that bottle of alcohol no, you were dead, you had no power, you had no authority. But when the seed come in, you have a life in you to say no. To say no! There's a new power, a new life growing in you.

That goes for adultery, fornication, every other sin. You see, when you're dead you don't respond. The devil says...go sleep with that woman, you do what the devil says. Why? You're dead. He'll move you wherever he wants to move you,

take you by the hair of your chinny chin chin and bring you right over here. You're dead, you're not fighting back.

But then one day a little seed comes in and the devil feels you pull back a little bit. There's a seed growing there!!! He's got a collar around your dead neck, and all of a sudden he feels a jerk...*I'm not going back there, I'm not doing that ever again! I have LIFE!!!*

Glory to God! Somebody jerk your neck, that's the sign of life! *I don't go where you tell me to go anymore. I'm jerking back. Why? Because everyday a tree's growing in me giving me power to say no, power to hold back, power to live holy.*

*Brother Vaughn, can't nobody be holy.* I know a man who can. His name is Yahshua and he is the seed, did you hear me? He is the seed. He moved in. When he moved in a tree started growing.

You've got to learn to desire more of the tree. Listen everybody, there's a sword outside this tree. The world can't come. This isn't an invitation to everybody. This is an invitation to those who want the tree. The more you desire the tree, the more the tree desires you. And the coming together, the meshing together begins to grow. There's a seed growing in you tonight. This corruptible is putting on incorruption, this death is putting on life! Whew!

We're being restored back to life through the son of God. What did Yahshua say? He said...I am the door, I am the gate, back into the garden. (I need you to work with me now.) My Father is that garden. My word is that garden. But I am the only way to get you back into the garden. If any man comes to the Father, he must first come through the door. I'm the way back, I am the tree of life! My God from Zion!!!

The branches of that tree are the seven Spirits of Yahweh. Do you know what the seven Spirits of God are? You should. It's in the book of Isaiah. Yahweh has seven Spirits which are his seven characteristics which are the seven streams of himself. It is his wisdom, his knowledge, his understanding...all of these. And those seven Spirits are the seven roots to the tree of life. Listen. My God I need you to hear me now. You see, that's the roots to the tree, but Yahshua said...look, I know you want to get back in that garden, but I'm telling you you cannot. You can't come near the tree unless you come through the door.

Oh that's why Paul was so angry at the Jewish people who were trying to get back in the garden without coming through the door, through the gate. You cannot get in this garden by doing good, by being good. You can't even get there by keeping

the commandments. You've got to come through the door!! I'm sorry Oprah Winfrey, there are no multiple paths to this garden. I'm sorry, you can't come through Krishna, you can't come through Buddha, whoo-do or voodoo or who-da-wanda. You've got to come through Yahshua HaMashiach. Without him there is no holiness.

You better come through the door. Submission. Submission is the door. You can't come in this garden any other way. We're being restored back, but notice how we're being restored. Someone say little by little. You see, you can't come unto this tree all in one moment just like you can't eat a steak all in one bite. You've got to work through the system. You've got to work through the pleasure of it.

God is restoring truth back to his church little by little. He's doing it from one generation to the next. When they came in to destroy God's church in the dark ages, they took away truth from us...you and I are living in an age that's going to see the restoration of everything that was destroyed from God's church. Hallelujah! Read Isaiah 28:8-10.

### **Isaiah 28:8-10**

**8 For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that no place is clean.**

All the churches (this is what he told the prophet of Yahweh because the table is where you feed the people, ok?)...all the churches are full of vomit. Now what is vomit? Let me just break it down for you. It's regurgitated stuff that has no new life to it. It's regurgitated mess. He said all the churches today are preaching what they preached 100 years ago—vomit. Nothing new, nothing fresh, nothing that's bringing us higher into the tree but vomit.

### **9 To whom will He teach knowledge?**

But he said I want to change that. I want to take the vomit off the table at the church. He said...But I've got to have somebody who wants to learn. So God asks the proverbial question...who will I teach truth, who will I give knowledge to, who will I bring into this tree of knowledge?

### **To whom will He make to understand doctrine?**

Who will I make understand truth? He said the tables at the church are full of vomit, but I'm looking for a people who I can teach truth too. Hallelujah. I'm looking for a people that will push away from the tables of Babylon and will say... here am I oh God! He said...who can I give the tree of life back to? Who wants the

tree? He said you can have your vomit of religion or I'll give you the tree of life, it's your choice, what do you want?

Do you know how I know those who want the tree? What he just said—those who desire understanding. Because the tree of life is the tree of understanding.

### **Those who are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts!**

I've got to get you off the tit of the church. I want to restore you back to the tree, I want to get you off the vomit, but I've got to find somebody who's willing to spit out the nipple from the bottle. I've got to find one person who wants this tree! Because I've got a sword in front of it, I'm not letting everybody near it.

I just told you a revelation. He said there's a sword in front of this truth. God doesn't cast his pearls before swine, they're in the vomit! But if I can find one person that will spit out the bottle, that wants this tree, I'll give it to you!! I just felt the Holy Ghost kiss this meeting. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Oh, God said I want to feed you, I want to bring you back to this tree so that the roots of it can give you life! But I can't do it if every time I try to give it to you you reach back for the bottle of grace. Oh you reach back for the bottle of what you've already heard. Oh God no, take the vomit, give me more!

Do you know that I'm no smarter than anybody in this room. So many are smart in this room. People ask me all the time. *Where do you get this revelation, this understanding from?* I desire it. I seek for it. I spend every day of my life looking for truth. I hunger for it, and the more I hunger, the more it comes. Because I want the tree, the tree comes to me! But how does God give us that tree? Read.

### **10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little and there a little.**

Ok, but I can't give you the tree all at once. How am I going to give it to you? How? A little by little. Here a little, there a little. As you seek for it, you'll find it. I'll do like Hansel and Gretel, I'll drop some crumbs along the way while you look for this tree. That's how God gives it to you—here a little, there a little.

Why doesn't he give it to us all at one time? I'll tell you why. Why don't you send your child to first through twelfth grade all in one day? You can't handle it. You can't digest it. You can't live it. The purpose of me teaching you math is not so you can just say you learned math. It's so you can incorporate math into your daily life. God's not teaching you his word just so you can say...*oh I quoted a scripture today*. No, no, no. He wants your life to live that scripture today. This is

how he feeds you—a little at a time. And as you hunger, more and more and more is going to come. Praise God. Is anybody getting anything out of this? Read John 17:17.

**John 17:17**

**Sanctify them through Your Law (word), Your Law (word) is truth.**

Alright now we're going to come in to what the tree is now. This is called the sanctification process. How many's ever heard...saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost? You see, the church is stuck on "saved". They don't understand that now we start looking for the tree, we start journeying back to Eden. And he just said...how does that sanctification happen? Sanctify me with your word which is your law, which is your Torah. Sanctify me with truth!

*Now brother Vaughn, the Torah is for the Old Testament. I taught you better than that. The Torah was the Tree of Life! Brother Vaughn, I don't believe that. Than you don't believe your Bible. I'm going to prove it. Give me two seconds.*

The Torah, the first five books that Moses wrote contained the same instructions for living as the tree of life contained. Why do you think Yahweh came in the garden every evening to speak with those people? Do you think he was teaching them anything other than his law? Do you think they were talking about sports? Do you think they were talking about music? No, they were there for class. He was teaching them in the garden the same thing that Moses taught Israel in the Torah.

*Brother Vaughn, I don't believe it. Alright, let's go to Deuteronomy 32:46-47. This is why I get angry when the church wants to take the Old Testament and put it on a back shelf somewhere.*

**Deuteronomy 32:46-47**

**46 He said to them, Take to heart all the words I have testified among you this day, so that you may command your children to carefully observe and do all the words of this Law.**

**47 These are not just idle words for you, these Laws mean life to you...**

These laws are life!! He said I'm getting ready to give you the Torah. Don't think that this is just some Old Testament, that's it's just some books of the Bible. He said they're the same thing that was in the tree of life. They are life.

**...and by them you shall prolong your days in the land, which you are crossing the Jordan to possess.**

God wants your life to be blessed. He wants your life to be the what? The abundant life. And so he gives you instructions of how to have that abundant life. How many of you have ever bought a car? When you bought the car the instruction manual is in the car. And you say...*well I've got the car, I don't need that.* God's law is his instruction manual for your salvation. Yes. The salvation is free, the instructions are daily. Salvation won't cost you anything, but sanctification will cost you everything.

Oh yeah that's why people misunderstand our message here. We're not teaching that works saves anybody. We're teaching that works comes when you get saved because of the faith that's in your life in the word of God. It will begin to work in your life. Moses said these words are life to you. As you begin to live the word of God, ladies and gentlemen, that is the tree of life. As you begin to live the word, you're living the tree. What was in the tree is in the word. Why? Because the word of God comes from the same roots that the tree of life come from, the seven Spirits of Yahweh.

The full nutrition of the tree of life is revealed to us here a little and there a little. Can I show you the here a little and there a little? Watch closely. This is how the tree has come to us. Here the Torah, there Yahshua. There the Holy Spirit. Here a little, there a little, there a little. Why? The tree of life. You can't say I believe in Jesus but I don't believe in the Torah. Jesus was the Torah, you see? Follow me now. You can't say you believe in the Holy Ghost but you don't believe in Jesus.

Do you see, it's one big what? Do you see on the upward journey what's happening? Do you understand now that Torah is part of this dust storm? The instructions of God are not to be put in the past, they are to be put in the present, but this time with the supernatural power of the Holy Ghost! That is the tree growing in our lives. The same life that was in the Torah was in Yahshua. The same life that was in Yahshua was in the Holy Ghost. The same life that was in the Holy Ghost is now in you!

We're on the upward journey and when we get to the top of this journey guess what we're going to see? Guess where it brings us to. Right back to the tree of life. Let's read Revelation 2:7, 22:14. Listen carefully.

**Revelation 2:7, 22:14**

**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the called out ones of The House of Yahweh. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the garden of Yahweh.**

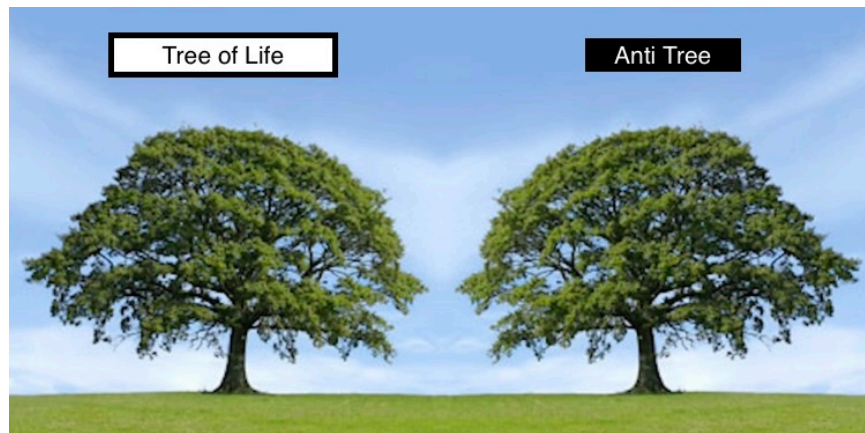
Now listen, you have a right to the tree of life. Everybody doesn't have a right to the tree of life. Only the overcomers. Overcoming what? You! He said if you

overcome your dead man and walk into your living man you'll have a right to go back to the tree of life. Hallelujah. You're not at the tree of life yet. Don't be confused. Just like we're not in the kingdom of God yet. We have the seed of the kingdom, we have the taste of the kingdom. Well you don't have the tree yet. We've got the seedling of the tree. But if that tree grows in you it will give you a right to the tree of life on the upward journey. When you get to the top of this journey it brings you back to where it started at the bottom—the tree of life!

I'm going to say that again because you didn't catch it. This journey started at the tree of life. When we get to the top of this upward journey we wind right back up at the tree of life. Hallelujah. We've gone in a lot of circles to get there, we've gone around and around to get there. But as long as we're going up and the tree is growing we're going to get there. Read Revelation 22:14.

**Blessed are those who keep His Laws, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.**

Blessed are those who keep the law of God for only they will ever get access back to the tree of life. And yet the church teaches you that you can't keep the law of God. I'm going to teach you something now. I'm going to show you why Satan has had to present the other tree.



Now let's go to the first tree, the tree on the left, the true tree. But this one over here is what we're going to call the Anti Tree. When people think of the Antichrist, they think of the enemy of Christ. Anti doesn't mean enemy, it means the replacement of. It's going to look just like Jesus Christ. Ladies and gentlemen, I'm showing you on the right the Antichrist, or the Anti Tree. I hope you're with me now because some of you it's going to take to go a little bit deeper.

On the left you've got the true church. On the right you've got the Anti church, the church that looks just like the church. Oh my God from heaven. The gospel that looks just like the gospel. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

**Genesis 2:16-17**

**16 And Yahweh commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat,**

**17 But of the Tree of the Knowledge of Righteousness and Evil you must not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**

This tree is a tree that imitates but never produces. It imitates but it never produces. It has no fruit. Let's read 1 Corinthians 3:19. Before we read it, the word knowledge comes from the Greek word *Gnosis* which means to know and understand. It sounds good. Every talk show on television today is to help you to understand yourself better. On CNN last night I noticed they're promoting a new children's book. Why my TV was on CNN I don't know. I was walking though the house last night and looked up at the screen and I saw a book. It was a beautiful book, had a cat on the front of it. They said the title was to understand yourself better. The children of Israel want to learn to understand God better, not ourselves.

There's a false knowledge in the world where they want to understand—*oh let's go to therapy so we can understand*. Dummy you don't even understand Jesus Christ is the only way to God. How am I going to sit in therapy with you? You want to understand? The Bible said they look into those things they know not wanting to understand, but they don't want to know the head. We're living in a world where everybody wants Oprah's latest book so they can have knowledge about themselves.

You all know I'm telling you the truth, right? Go look in Barnes & Noble's...every book on the stand...how to be happier, how to be skinnier, how to love yourself better. My God look at the selfies! People don't love themselves enough? How to live your best life now. How to...how to.

Because that knowledge requires no obedience to God! You better learn to discern the difference, I'm teaching you today the difference. I'm teaching you how not to be deceived by the Anti Tree. The Anti church. Anti doesn't mean they're against church, it means they look just like the church. There's only one way to not be deceived. You better learn to discern. Let's read 1 Corinthians 3:19.



### **1 Corinthians 3:19**

**For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with Yahweh. For it is written: He catches the wise in their own craftiness.**

The whole world wants wisdom. The whole world wants to go to yoga school. The whole world wants to sit with their legs crossed humming, yumming, omming — hmmmm—trying to tune in to get more knowledge and understanding, and they're so dumb, they don't even know that Jesus is Lord. God laughs at fishy Fauci. God laughs at the wisdom of this world. And while the world laughs at us, God laughs at them because their wisdom is silly to God.

Now, that tree of knowledge of good and evil—notice something. Something you may have never seen. Satan was not just teaching Eve how to be evil. That tree was going to teach Eve how to be good — without God! We always thought the tree of life was the good tree...this one's evil — nope. Good and evil. Satan was going to teach them how to be good humans without being godly humans.

And listen to me every one of you. He will come into your life and do the same thing if you're not careful. He will mock your obedience and say...*you ought to be doing more for the community like they're doing. You all ought to do this.* Let me tell you something. At the end of the day God couldn't care less about any soup kitchen you worked at. I hope you heard me! He couldn't care less about any Salvation Army bell you ever rang. If you did all of that and you did not submit to the Torah, to the law, to the ten commandments—if you didn't submit to God—you went out there being good on your own, Satan will teach you how to be good!!

Oh you donated to Goodwill. But you stole the tithe. Satan will teach you how to be good without God. All you poll workers. *Well you know, brother Vaughn, you preach so hard, but all my coworkers, they're good people.* Of course they are, but they're not GOD people. They're all getting together. Listen, everyone of them's going to a run—they're going to run 5k to raise money. That's good. Go run, I need to do it. Go run. But will you run to the house of God on the Sabbath day??

Will you run to the holy days? Will you run to obey God? That's called being good, but not being godly! It will never work. God doesn't care what 4k 5k you run in if you've not run the race of faith. None of it matters. There are two choices in your life. Separation to God or separation from God. I don't think you got it so I'm going to say it again. You will either separate TO God or you'll separate FROM God. You can't have it any other way. Proverbs 14:12. This tree of knowledge of good and evil produces a new light that entices men's minds and gets them in awe. It teaches you everything but the path of obedience.

## **Proverbs 14:12**

**There is a way which seems right to a man, but the ends thereof are the ways of death.**

*Brother Vaughn, they're good people.* There's a way that seems good. But the end is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which brings forth death because that tree doesn't teach obedience. That tree teaches you how to be good. That's the hardest part people have a problem with in my message. *Brother Vaughn, I know so many people, they're just good people.* I hope you're understanding now. Of course they're good people. The human minds are good. But until it's obedient, it's filthy rags. Galatians 1:6-7.

What did this other tree do? Do you know what they do? It preaches, but it perverts the true tree. That's a preaching tree.

## **Galatians 1:6-7**

**6 I am astonished that you have so quickly turned away from the One Who called you into the love of Messiah, to another message,**

To another what? To another message. Somebody say...to an anti-message. Paul is writing to the church and he says...I'm shocked they're still listening to the message. But it's an anti, it's a replacement message.

**7 Not that there is any other glad tidings, just that there are some who trouble you, and are trying to pervert the message of the Messiah.**

Did you hear it? He said there is a church within a church that's trying to pervert the message of what the Messiah preached! He said they're preaching, and they're preaching what? Good. But they're not preaching obedience. They're taking the words that Jesus said...judge not. They're taking the words that Jesus said and they're perverting that message.

You see, everybody who's looking for the Antichrist doesn't understand—they've already found him—it's the Anti Tree. Let's read 2 Thessalonians 2:12. The tree on the right has a new Jesus. He has a new Jesus that no longer teaches what his Father taught. Obedience. This new Jesus teaches another message.

## **2 Thessalonians 2:12**

**In order that all those may be judged as not having believed the truth, but as having delighted in sin.**

You see, there's a church that's not going to believe the truth, they're going to delight in the message that tells them...*do what you want, God loves you the way*

*you are*. When I married my wife she loved me the way that I was, but she wasn't going to keep me the way that I was. I was messed up. I had to do some changing. She's still trying to get me trained. Ha ha! The point I'm making—God loves you as you are—of course he does. But he doesn't keep you as you are. He keeps you as he is—holy. Holy.

Paul said you're going to believe another gospel. You're going to believe that tree on the right that wears a suit just like the other preacher and probably out preaches the other preacher. You're going to see them come and tell you that you can delight in sin, you can come into God's church and be alright with sin! That's the Antichrist spirit, it's already working in the church today.

But there is another group, he said, that have a love for the truth, or a love for the tree. Hallelujah. Revelation 12:9

### **Revelation 12:9**

**And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, who deceives the whole world.**

Now ladies and gentlemen, he deceives them the way he did at Eve by teaching them how to be good without being obedient.

I told you before I started tonight I was going to help you to never be deceived. If you ever hear a gospel that does not preach obedience to the word of God, it's a false tree. It's a false gospel. Let's close with Jeremiah 2:13.

### **Jeremiah 2:13**

**For My people have committed two evils they have forsaken Me, the Fountain of Living Waters, and have dug their own cisterns, cisterns that crack and cannot hold water.**

They've rejected me and they went and built another church that won't hold that water of life. It won't give them the tree of life. It gives them a feel-good experience with no changed life. And that cistern is the cistern of death.

Do you know why the churches all over America are dying? They have forsaken the gospel of selling out for God to being mixed with the world. It will never work. It's the tree of death. So tonight, I want you and this ministry to understand one final thing. We preach the Sabbath, we preach the holy days, we preach how God wants us to live our life. He doesn't want us committing fornication. We preach how he wants us to eat and how he wants us to conduct ourselves. We preach all that.

And you hear another preacher that's having the so-called same move of God. Maybe a bigger church. Good things are happening in that church. I hope you heard me—good things are happening. *Brother Vaughn, they've got an outreach, they go out and they do this, they do that. And you're just over there preaching obedience, obedience, obedience.*

Don't ever let that other tree mock the true tree! Stand for obedience and God will bless you. God will bless this church in many ways. If everyone in this church would become obedient to God's word in every area of your life, we would be so overtaken with blessings. Because, listen brothers and sisters, this true tree is calling you, it's the tree of obedience. Don't ever be ashamed.

It's a narrow way. The Bible said few there's going to be that finds this true tree. Let's stand tonight. Hallelujah. The whole world has been deceived. But there is a group of people here tonight that I believe have not been deceived, that we're walking in the truth of God's holy word.

Now I want to encourage you tonight as we leave from this Sabbath evening and we go back into our regular lives, let the tree of life go with you. Draw from it's roots. Allow the seven Spirits of Yahweh to grow inside of you on a daily basis. Learn to love your enemies. Learn to do good to them who spitefully use you. Learn that you don't have to get back at everybody that got you. Learn these things. And as you learn those things—that's not the devil growing in you, is it? That's got to be the Tree of Life. Hallelujah. That's him growing in you. He wants to become such a tree in your life that you'll have a right to the Tree of Life!

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