

THE TREE OF LIFE

Genesis 3:20-24 (p. 6)

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And the Lord God said, "The man had 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 forever."

Genesis 3:22

Cursed

So the Lord God said to the serpent

To the woman he said

To Adam he said

Genesis 3:14-19

There's always a hint of hope

Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all living.

Genesis 3:20

The gift of God's provision

The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

Genesis 3:21

When separation is God's blessing

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.
Genesis 3:23-24

Reaching out to the Tree of Life

On each side of the river stood the tree of life And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse.
Revelation 22:2-3

Resources for further study of Genesis 1-3

Eugene Merrill's "Covenant and Kingdom" at http://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/ed_hildebrandt/OTeSources/01-Genesis/Text/Articles-Books/Merrill-Gen1-3Theology-CTR.pdf

Julie Roy's *Redeeming the Feminine Soul* (Nelson, 2017) is the best new book I've read on male and female in God's image, even after the fall!

Nicholas Batzig's article "Adam and the Tree of Life" at <http://feedingonchrist.com/the-tree-of-life/>

The CRCNA's "Our World Belongs to God" has a powerful statement of the fall at <https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/contemporary-testimony/our-world-belongs-god>

The Belgic Confession, especially Articles 14-15, at <https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/confessions/belgic-confession>

John Currid's biblical theology study at <https://www.monergism.com/topics/genesis>

Patrick Fairbairn's article "Tree of Life" at <https://www.monergism.com/tree-life-patrick-fairbairn-dd>

Commentaries I like include John Sailhamer (*Expositor's Bible Commentary and Genesis Unbound*); Bruce Waltke (*Genesis*, Zondervan, 2001); Allen P. Ross (*Creation and Blessing*, Baker, 1988).

Study Bibles on creation I like include Zondervan's *NIV*, Nelson's *New King James Version*, and Crossway's *ESV*.

Francis Schaeffer's Genesis trilogy: *The God Who Is There*, *He Is There and He Is Not Silent*, and *Genesis in Space and Time* which has several chapters on the fall and the gospel.

C. Leupold's helpful commentary at

https://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/articles/onsite/bible_book/genesis_leupold.html

Timothy Keller's very helpful sermon "A Promise of Hope" at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4q6EgfodCDk>