

BIBLE TREES

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Today, we examine some "**trees**" about which we read in the Scriptures:

Adam hid among the trees. "And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden." {Genesis 3:8} Adam introduced sin into the world and then hid among the trees because he was ashamed. Yes, men since that day have continued to try and hide from the all-seeing eyes of God. Sinners cannot hide from God. "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." {Hebrews 4:13}.

Zacchaeus climbed a tree. "So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way." {Luke 19:4} Zacchaeus was a short man who wished to see the Lord. When Jesus called him to come down from the tree, he showed his humility by offering to repay any money he had wrongly taken as a tax collector. A sinner showed his willingness to repent. Jesus blessed this man's character and entered his home.

Nathaniel was under a tree. "Nathaniel said to Him, How do you know me? Jesus answered and said to him, Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." (John 1:48) Nathaniel was convicted because the Lord knew that he had been under the fig tree. The Lord promised to show him greater things. If we walk by faith, we can see many "great things" that God prepares and gives to those who faithfully follow Him.

Jesus hung on a tree. "And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree." {Acts 10:39} Yes, our Lord willingly went to Calvary's tree where He died for the world's sins {Hebrews 2:9}. He was nailed to the cross, where He hung suspended between heaven and earth to pay the ransom price of man's redemption. While among men, He lived justly and free from sin, demonstrating God's love. In exchange, for what He sacrificed for mankind, He suffered and died on a tree! Thanks be to God He was willing to pay the ransom price for our sins. Certainly man needed it! ***