

## Genesis 2:7-10, 15-17

<sup>7</sup>Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. <sup>8</sup>The Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. <sup>9</sup>Out of the ground the Lord God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. <sup>10</sup>Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers.

<sup>15</sup>Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; <sup>17</sup>but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

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### SERMON NOTES

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### ***God of Blessings, God of Boundaries***

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God taught the first man to farm.

Dual identity – we belong to the earth and to God.

The wonder of trees.

The blessing of water (river).

- God of BLESSINGS.

Psalm 1:1-3a <sup>1</sup>How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! <sup>2</sup>But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup>He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water...

John 7:38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, "From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water."

- God of BOUNDARIES (v. 16-17)

James 1:3 ...the testing of your faith produces endurance.

*Muwth muwth* – "death, death"

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Hebrews 12:12-13 <sup>12</sup>Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, <sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.