



# KEYS TO THE KINGDOM – 2

## “THE KING AND I”

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**TO REALLY ENJOY ETERNAL LIFE, I MUST BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE GOD WHO PLANNED TO SPEND ETERNITY WITH ME.**

**John 17:3** “And this is eternal life: that people know you, the only true God, and that they know Jesus Christ, the One you sent.” (NCV)

**THE WAY GOD MADE MAN REFLECTED HIS PURPOSE THAT HE RULE THE EARTH AS HIS SURROGATE.**

### 1. MAN WAS CREATED IN GOD’S IMAGE.

**Gen. 1:27** So God created human beings in his own image. (NLT)

### 2. MAN WAS FORMED BY GOD’S HANDS.

**Gen. 2:7** Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man’s nostrils, and the man became a living person. (NLT)

### 3. MAN WAS QUICKENED BY GOD’S BREATH OF LIFE.

**GOD PUT TWO TREES IN THE CENTER OF THE GARDEN TO REMIND MAN OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND THE LIMITS OF THEIR EARTH DOMINION AUTHORITY.**

**Gen. 2:8-9** Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he placed the man he had created. And the LORD God planted all sorts of trees in the garden – beautiful trees that produced delicious fruit. At the center of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (NLT)

- a. The Tree of Life represented continual and eternal intimacy with God.
- b. The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil represented God’s sovereignty and ownership of all creation.

**Gen. 2:16-17** And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” (NRSV)

**The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil served two purposes:**

- a. Reminder of God’s Sovereignty and Ownership
- b. Battleground for Subduing Satan on Earth

**BY SINNING, ADAM FAILED TO DEFEND THE EARTH REALM OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AND DISQUALIFIED THE HUMAN RACE FROM RULERSHIP ON EARTH.**

**Gen. 3:1-13** Now the serpent was the shrewdest of all the creatures the LORD God had made. “Really?” he asked the woman. “Did God really say you must not eat any of the fruit in the garden?” “Of course we may eat it,” the woman told him. “It’s only the fruit from the tree at the center of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God says we must not eat it or even touch it, or we will die.” “You won’t die!” the serpent hissed. “God knows that your eyes will be opened when you eat it. You will become just like God, knowing everything, both good and evil.” The woman was convinced. The fruit looked so fresh and delicious, and it would

make her so wise! So she ate some of the fruit. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her. Then he ate it, too. At that moment, their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they strung fig leaves together around their hips to cover themselves. Toward evening they heard the LORD God walking about in the garden, so they hid themselves among the trees. The LORD God called to Adam, “Where are you?” He replied, “I heard you, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.” “Who told you that you were naked?” the LORD God asked. “Have you eaten the fruit I commanded you not to eat?” “Yes,” Adam admitted, “but it was the woman you gave me who brought me the fruit, and I ate it.” Then the LORD God asked the woman, “How could you do such a thing?” “The serpent tricked me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.” (NLT)

**What God Did After Man’s Failure:**

**GOD SEARCHED FOR MAN AND IMMEDIATELY PROVIDED FOR HIS NEEDS.**

**Gen. 3:9** Then the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” (NLT)

**Gen. 3:21** And the LORD God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife. (NLT)

**GOD’S SOVEREIGN DESIGN OF MAN’S EARTH DOMINION AUTHORITY WOULD BE MAINTAINED BY THE SECOND ADAM – JESUS CHRIST.**

**Gen. 3:15** “And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.” (NLT)

**Rom. 5:18-19** Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous. (NLT)

**GOD NEVER STOPS LOVING SINFUL MAN AS A FATHER IN SPITE OF HIS UNFAITHFULNESS.**

**Psalms 104:13,14** The Lord is like a father to His children, tender and compassionate to those who fear Him. For he understands how weak we are, He knows we are only dust. (NLT)

**Isa. 49:15,16** “Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for a child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you. See, I have written your name on my hand.” (NLT)

**Jer. 31:3** Long ago the LORD said to Israel: “I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.” (NLT)



**Key-2: KNOW GOD AS MY LOVING HEAVENLY FATHER.**

**GOD WANTS ME TO ACCEPT CHRIST SO I WILL BELONG TO HIS FAMILY AND KINGDOM.**

**John 1:12** But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. (NLT)

**1 John 3:1** See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don’t recognize that we are God’s children because they don’t know him. (NLT)