

The background is a collage of organic shapes. On the left, a dark brown tree trunk and branches extend upwards and outwards. The foliage consists of large, pointed green leaves and long, narrow, light tan leaves. The right side of the image has a textured, golden-yellow background with faint, darker yellow and orange floral or leaf-like patterns.

FROM ROOTS TO FRUITS

HEBREWS 12:14-16 (NKJV)

¹⁴Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: ¹⁵looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; ¹⁶lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

BITTER ROOTS



BITTER ROOTS DECEIVE

GENESIS 3:1-5 (NKJV)

¹Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

GENESIS 3:1-5 (NKJV)

³but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' ”

⁴Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.

⁵For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

¶¶ CORINTHIANS 11:3 (NKJV)

³But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

ISAIAH 14:13-15 (NKJV)

¹³For you have said in your heart:
'I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;
I will also sit on the mount of the congregation
On the farthest sides of the north;
¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
I will be like the Most High.'
¹⁵Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol,
To the lowest depths of the Pit.

HEBREWS 12:14-16 (NKJV)

¹⁴Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: ¹⁵looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; ¹⁶lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.



BITTER ROOTS DEFILE

GENESIS 25:29-34 (NKJV)

²⁹Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he was weary. ³⁰And Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am weary." Therefore his name was called Edom.

³¹But Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright as of this day."

³²And Esau said, "Look, I am about to die; so what is this birthright to me?"

GENESIS 25:29-34 (NKJV)

³³Then Jacob said, “Swear to me as of this day.”

So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

GENESIS 28:6-9 (NKJV)

⁶Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Padan Aram to take himself a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, “You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan,” ⁷and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Padan Aram. ⁸Also Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please his father Isaac. ⁹So Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham’s son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife in addition to the wives he had.

HEBREWS 12:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God;
lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by
this many become defiled;

ROMANS 7:8 (NKJV)

⁸But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead.



BITTER ROOTS DEPRESS

HEBREWS 12:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

DEUTERONOMY 28:1-3 (NKJV)

¹“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. ²And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God:

³“Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.

DEUTERONOMY 28:15-16 (NKJV)

¹⁵“But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

¹⁶“Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country.

DEUTERONOMY 29:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸so that there may not be among you man or woman or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the Lord our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations, and that there may not be among you a root bearing bitterness or wormwood;

REVELATION 8:11 (NKJV)

¹¹The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.

JEREMIAH 9:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵therefore thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel:
“Behold, I will feed them, this people, with wormwood, and
give them water of gall to drink.

PSALMS 69:21 (NKJV)

²¹They also gave me gall for my food,
And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.