

A TALE OF TWO STORIES

GOD IS WEAVING A TALE SWEET TO HEAR

An anonymous author once wrote, “Whoever tells the best story wins.” Men and women will die for the tales they have taken into their hearts. The narrative inhabiting those halls will fill the occupied life with fullness and form.



Many stories vie for humanity’s grand palaces. Each suitor, however, is too small to sit comfortably upon the heart’s throne. Only One whose limits exceed the created order can fill each person’s internal capacity.

IT SPEAKS OF THE ONE APART YET NEAR

This limitless Being holds the universe as a speck between His fingers, yet He stoops low to look humanity in the eye. He is Elohim. He is Yahweh. He is Lord. He is Love.

THE SERPENT WHISPERS LIES FOR MEN TO OWN

For every sweet story God offers, the serpent threads counteracting lies. Laced with silver, these falsehoods portray a distant Lord. “If the King is gone,” Satan’s slithering tongue hisses, “can you trust His decree?”

WHILE PROMISING A USURPED THRONE

As the snake sinks humanity’s gaze within, he asks who they can trust. He then grabs their hands and admonishes them to look no further than what their palms may grasp. Gripping a power not their own, men and women sit upon a throne never meant for them.

ONE STORY OFFERS LIFE

Fiercely these two stories fight for humanity’s affections. God promises to be a King we can love. He will rule with open hands and a giving heart. No good will He withhold from His sons and daughters.

THE OTHER SHACKLES IN STRIFE

Men and women, both in equal measure, believed the serpent’s myth. Lasting pleasure and joy could be gained only by each person’s strength. Apart from a firm conviction of God’s goodness and authority, however, humanity will die in cruel servitude. As C.S. Lewis wrote in *God in the Dock*, ““There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, ‘Thy will be done,’ and those to whom God says, in the end, ‘Thy will be done.’”

PROCESSING QUESTIONS //

What’s your initial reaction to God’s story?

What does it mean for God to be both transcendent and immanent (apart from creation, yet within it)?

In what parts of your life have you embraced Satan’s lies?

How can you be free from the myths?