

## PLANTED TO FLOURISH

Psa 92:12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Psa 92:13 **Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.**

Psa 92:14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

Psa 92:15 To shew that the LORD *is* upright: *he is* my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in him.

### **flour·ish**

v. **flour·ished, flour·ish·ing, flour·ish·es**

1. To grow well or abundantly thrive: *The crops flourished in the rich soil.*

2. To do or fare well; prosper: *"No village on the railroad failed to flourish" (John Kenneth Galbraith).*

3. To be in a period of highest productivity, excellence, or influence: *a poet who flourished in the tenth*

Pro 14:11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

Eze 17:24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the LORD have spoken and have done *it*.

## PLANTED INTO HIS LIKENESS

Rom 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:5 **For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his resurrection*:**

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Rom 6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

1. **Planted to Grow:**

Eph 4:14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, **may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:**

1Pe 2:1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, **that ye may grow thereby:**

2Pe 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

2Pe 3:18 **But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord** and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Psa 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Psa 1:2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psa 1:3 And he shall be like a **tree planted by the rivers of water**, that **bringeth forth his fruit in his season**; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

a. **New trees**; first year sleep, second year creep, third year leap.

**FLOURISH LIKE THE PALM TREE**

Psa 92:12 The righteous **shall flourish like the palm tree**: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

1. **The Palm Tree is known for its uprightness:**

Psa 15:1 LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

Psa 15:2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

Psa 15:3 *He that* backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

Psa 15:4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. *He that* sweareth to *his own* hurt, and changeth not.

Psa 15:5 *He that* putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. **He that doeth these things shall never be moved.**

- a. **The Palm tree** reaches the height from 75 to 80 feet.
- b.
- c. **Planted in the house of God:** It was a custom in Bible times to plant trees that lived a long time. So they planted palm in the courts of the temple and around the palace. And in all the high places of worship.
- d. **Solomon:** Covered the wall of the Holiest of Holies roundabout with palm trees.

## 2. **The Palm Tree is known for its fruitfulness:**

Isa 37:31 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward:

Joh 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Joh 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

- a. The best dates are produced when the tree is from 30 to 100 years old. 300 pounds of dates yielded annually.
- b. A Christian grows happier and more useful as he becomes older.

## 3. **A Palm Tree is Durable:**

- a. It can stand the intense heat and drought of the desert.

1Pe 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

1Pe 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

1Pe 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *are ye*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

1Pe 4:15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or *as* a thief, or *as* an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

1Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

- b. **Paul said in Romans 8:35**; nothing could separate one of Gods children from the love of God.

Rom 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Rom 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### 4. **A Palm Tree is known for its changeless life:**

Mal 3:6 For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

- a. The World and the carnal mind are constantly trying to change us and the church. But the church ought to be changing the world.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which* is your reasonable service.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

5. **A Palm Tree is known for its smoothness of bark:**

- a. The bark of a palm tree has a hard and smooth surface that is hard to be penetrated by disease and beetles and other bugs.
- b. Life runs smoother with Jesus!
- c. We can't be penetrated by what people say, or by the trials of life.

Rom 12:20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

Rom 12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

6. **The Palm Tree has many uses:**

- a. It is said by some that the palm tree has as many as 360 uses.

Ecc 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do *it* with thy might; for *there is* no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

Rom 12:10 *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

Rom 12:11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

Rom 12:12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

- b. **Palm trees point the way to where the water is.**

Exo 15:23 And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they *were* bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah.

Exo 15:27 And they came to Elim, where *were* twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

c. **Palm Trees also provide a place of shelter.**

Isa 32:2 And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

7. **A Palm Tree is the Symbol of Victory**

- a. Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people shout and spread palm branches before their savior. This is known as the Triumphal Entry.

Luk 19:37 And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;

Luk 19:38 Saying, Blessed *be* the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

- b. Through the power of His Spirit, name, and through blood of Jesus we have the victory over all the forces of the enemy.

1Jn 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.

1Jn 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

- c. John saw in the Book of Revelation a great company of people with palm branches in their hand, which is a symbol of eternal victory.

Rev 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

Rev 7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.