

THE SOURCE AND SECRET OF SPIRITUAL BLESSEDNESS

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.

DIFFERENTS TYPES OF FORESTS

1. There is a vast difference between a petrified forest and trees bearing fruit in an orchard.
2. The one is a memorial to an ancient tragedy when life terminated.
3. The other type of tree is a reminder that care and nourishment can overcome challenges to existence.
4. In a petrified forest the wood has been turned into stone, lost all source of life many years ago.

1Sa 25:36 And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart *was* merry within him, for he *was* very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.

1Sa 25:37 But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became *as* a stone.

5. In contrast the Psalmist described a devout man as 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.”
6. **Such a tree suggests:**
 - a. Roots, response, refreshments and rewards

- b. Blessed is a man, whose roots go deep into righteousness; which responds to care; drinks freely from eternal supplies, and fulfills the intention of its owner.

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

7. **Condition of a healthy tree is that it is full of Sap:**

Psa 104:16 **The trees of the LORD are full of sap**; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;

Psa 104:17 Where the birds make their nests: *as for* the stork, the fir trees *are* her house.

Psa 104:16

The trees of the Lord are full of sap - יִשְׁבְּעוּ yisbeu, “are saturated.”

a. **What is sap? It is the life of the tree.**

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Joh 15:3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

Joh 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Joh 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Joh 15:6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered (**Lost your Sap**); and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

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.

Joh 15:9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

Trees and Sap:

- a. **Marked Tree to be cut down:** The cut a ring around the tree with an ax, that stops the flow of the Sap. Whatever is cutting of the flow of the sap in your life get rid of it.

Full of Sap: (Be filled with the Spirit; **Col 1:29** Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily, my cup runneth over, run though a troop and leap over a wall.

- b. **Maple Trees:** depending upon the weather conditions, sap will start to flow after tapping the tree. It drips from the spike into the bucket.
- c. Red Squirrels also drinks tree sap from maple trees. It bites a tree until sap flows out and returns to drink it after the water in the sap has evaporated.
- d. **Someone there tonight needs to tap into the flow of the Spirit of God.**

Psa 34:8 O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

Psa 63:4 Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

Psa 63:5 My soul shall be satisfied as *with* marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise *thee* with joyful lips:

As with marrow and fatness - The words here employed denote rich food;

Psa 36:7 How excellent *is* thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

Psa 36:8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.
Psa 36:9 For with thee *is* the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

1. **When they tapped into the side of Jesus:**

Joh 19:34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Joh 4:13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

Joh 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Joh 4:15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

Joh 4:16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither

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.

Psa 46:3 *Though* the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

Psa 46:4 *There is* a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the most High.

Psa 46:5 God *is* in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, *and that* right early.