

TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Isaiah 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

1. Trees of Righteousness
2. The Planting of the Lord
3. That He might be glorified

Isaiah 60:21 Thy people also *shall be* all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

Psalms 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.

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

Psalms 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.**

TREES OF THE BIBLE

1. The Tree of Life
2. The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
3. The tree that Jesus hung on
4. Saints are liken to trees in the Bible
5. Nation's are like unto trees "Behold the trees and all the trees"
6. A tree is thrown into the bitter waters of Mariah to make it sweet.

PLANTED

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:

1. **Planted together means:** “or become united with him”
2. **When do we become united?** At the seed of conception, which begins our planting of our spiritual life.
3. **Born Again:** (1 Peter 1:22-25)

1Pe 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*

1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1Pe 1:24 For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

1Pe 1:25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

4. **Obedience to the Apostolic Doctrine brought us New Testament Salvation**

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Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

THE RIGTEOUS SHALL FLOURISH LIKE A PALM TREE

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.

1. **The Wicked:** Psa 92:7 When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; *it is* that they shall be destroyed for ever:

THE PALM TREE

1. **Is known for its uprightness:**

Psa 15:1 A Psalm of David. 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.

He that walketh uprightly - הולך תמים - holech tamim,

1. **He walks perfectly.** Who sets God before his eyes, takes his word for the rule of his conduct, considers himself a sojourner on earth, and is continually walking to the kingdom of God. He acts according to the perfections of God's law; he has respect to all its parts, and feels the weight and importance of all its restrictions.
2. **And worketh righteousness** - Does right. That is, he does what is proper to be done in relation to God and to man.
3. **And speaketh the truth in his heart** - He uses language that is sincere, and that is in accordance with his real belief. This is opposed to all mere outward professions, and all hypocritical pretences. His faith has its seat in the heart,

4. He that backbiteth not with his tongue -

He is one who treats his neighbor with respect. He says nothing that might injure him in his character, person, or property; he forgets no calumny, he is author of no slander, he insinuates nothing by which his neighbor may be injured.

5. Nor doeth evil to his neighbor - That does his neighbor no harm. This refers to injury in any way, whether by word or deed. The idea is, that the man who will be admitted to

6. Nor taketh up a reproach - Margin, “or receiveth,” or, “endureth.” The idea is that of “taking up,” or receiving as true, or readily giving credit to it. He is slow to believe evil of another. He does not grasp at it greedily as if he had pleasure in it. He does not himself originate such a reproach, nor does he readily and cheerfully credit it when it is stated by others.

7. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned - A "vile" man is a very wicked, That is, who does not show respect to a man of base or bad character on account of his wealth, his position, or his rank in life.

8. but he honoureth them that fear the Lord; who have the covenant grace of fear wrought in their hearts, and serve the Lord with reverence and godly fear; that is, who are truly religious and godly persons; these such who are fit members of the church of Christ love heartily, esteem of highly, and honour them

9. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not - Who has made a promise, or entered into a contract, that is likely to turn out contrary to his expectations, to his own disadvantage; but who still adheres to his engagement.

10. Putteth not out his money to usury - As usury signifies unlawful interest, or that which is got by taking advantage of the necessity of a distressed neighbor, no man that fears God can be guilty of it.

11. **Nor taketh reward against the innocent** - He neither gives nor receives a bribe in order to pervert justice or injure an innocent man in his cause. The lawyer, who sees a poor man opposed by a rich man, who, though he is convinced in his conscience that the poor man has justice and right on his side, yet takes the larger fee from the rich man to plead against the poor man,

12. He that doeth these *things* shall never be moved.

a. The height of a **Palm tree** is 75 to 80 Feet High.

b. These Palm Trees were planted in the house of God. It was a custom in the Bible days to plant trees that lived a long time. So they planted Palm Trees in the courts of the temples and around the palace and in the high places of worship.

c. **Solomon:** Covered the wall of the Holiest of Holies roundabout with palm trees.

2. The Palm Tree is known for its Fruitfulness:

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

b. **John 15:8:** “Herein is my father Glorified that ye bear much fruit so shall ye be my disciple.”

c. The best dates are produced when the tree is from 30-100 years old. 300 Pound of dates are annually.

d. A Christian grows happier and more useful as he becomes older.

3. A Palm Tree is Durable:

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

b. strong winds will break ordinary trees, The palm tree will bow and spring back when the winds have passed.

- c. Each Palm root is the same size as its stem and its base; therefore, it cannot be pulled up easily.
- d. Because palm trees send their roots deep into the ground. They are able to tap resources of nourishment that are not available on the surface.
- d. **1 Cor. 15:58**: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.
- f. **Romans 8:35 Paul States**: “Nothing could separate one of God’s children from the Love of God.”

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 today, and forever.

Jas 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness (Variation), neither shadow of turning.

- a. The World and the Carnal Mind should not be changing the Church, the Church should 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. **The Palm Tree can withstand Abuse:**

- a. While the hearts of the ordinary trees are dead, the heart of the palm tree is alive.

- b. Because the life of the Palm tree is on the inside, outward abuse does not affect its life or quality of fruit.

2Co 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day.

6. **The Palm Tree has Many Uses:** It is said that a Palm tree has as many as 360 uses.

- a. The Palm tree points the way to where the water is
- b. Palm trees are also a place of shelter

Paul said: “I become all things to all men that I might win some.”

7. **The Palm Tree is a Symbol of Victory**

- a. **The Triumphal Entry (Luke 19:28-40).** Jesus entered into Jerusalem, the people spread palm branches before the Saviour.
- c. **Victory is through Jesus alone:** “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”
- d. **A Numberless Multitude around the throne with palms in their hands;**

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.

Rev 7:11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

