GOD HAS MADE US TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

WE ARE THE PLANTING OF THE LORD

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When Jesus came, He taught the people in parables, using His Creation and the **Natural** to help us understand the **Spiritual**. This way is not hard to understand if you have a heart to serve God, to know Him better and be taught! Can you say -teach me sweet Lord Jesus! Let me know you personally and intimately. Like the song says – “I want to know more about my Jesus, yes I do, I want to know about my Lord!”

 Did you know that God compares us to **Trees** in the Bible? O God, what is in a Tree that we need to see? Lord, what are you desiring to make out of us? What kind of qualities and strengths do you want us to have? Lord, would you take the Natural and portray to us the Spiritual? The Bible said - we are **Branches** that are connected to Jesus the True Vine, drinking in the sap and bearing precious fruit. As long as we stay Connected to Jesus, we’ll have His life flowing through us - we’ll never Spiritually die and we’ll be a blessing to others! The Lord wants us to be **STRONG,** He wants us to **Prosper** and be **Useful!**

**Isa 61:1** ¶ The prophet Isaiah in the Spirit prophesied the very words that Jesus would quote when He came to earth: Jesus stood to read in the Synagogue the place Isaiah wrote - The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath Anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to Bind up the Brokenhearted, to proclaim Liberty to the captives, and the Opening of the prison to them that are bound;

**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. How many wants the Lord to Plant you? Can you say – “Plant me dear Lord Jesus by the Rivers of water, let my roots go down deep so I won’t wither and dry up, I want my leaves to ever be green and bear fruit for you!”

 So, by using nature, How and why does God compare us to Trees? The Lord put within every Tree its own make-up and its own purpose! In this Newsletter, we’re going to let the Trees preach us a message! They’re going to say – Look at us, what God put in us to make us stand and prosper and you will see what He wants out of you!!

**LET’S LOOK AT THE:**

**“The Redbud Tree” –** Redbud trees are the first trees to bloom in the Spring. When their flowers open, they bring a vibrant beautiful purple color to the dull winter landscape. A woman tells about her and her husband who moved into a new house in the neighborhood and her husband wanted a pretty tree in the front lawn. In the fall, he transplanted a little Redbud sapling. Not long after a big storm came and broke **its tallest branch** but the little sapling lived and made it through the winter. When springtime came and the cold winds began to warm, and the ground to thaw, the remaining little branch that survived **Bloomed out** so beautiful. WHY and HOW did it do it? Because God put it in it to Bloom. It’s in its DNA, it's in its inbred nature – it’s in its very sap!! She said after that, the Redbud Tree continues to grow bigger and taller and it does not fail to bloom!

When God created that Redbud tree, He put in it to withstand the cold trying times of adversity because it is Resilient! If we could learn a lesson from this hardy Tree, it would be - You might go through adversity and you might lose some things in life but I can tell you – It doesn’t matter how Cold it gets or how hard the opposing winds of life blow - If you have a Heart to serve God, nothing can stop you! You’ll go through seasons, but nothing can keep you from bearing Fruit for the Lord!! When God Saves you and puts His Spirit in your heart, He puts it in our spiritual DNA to be an Overcomer! **God never makes a Failure**!! We may get knocked down but we don’t stay down – We arise and get back up! You might say – How preacher? How can I go on in the Cold, how can I endure in the Hot and dry? Pray, Pray, Pray, commune with God and Read your Bible every day with all your Heart, stay connected to the Lord and the Sap of God’s Holy Spirit that Comforter that comes to abide deep in the Heart, will flow from the root, it’ll arise and come out in you in Praise and Worship! In your time you’ll bloom and bear fruit!! (GOD CALLS US TREES for a reason!)

We’re going to have our **cold times** and seasons of **trial,** when it feels like we have no life and no fruit at all – But the Sap of God’s Holy Spirit is still inside – it’s in your Heart and soul – We will Bloom and bear fruit again!!! I want to be like those strong and beautiful Trees, when I’m faced with hardships, I’ll continue to hold on and Trust the Lord. He’s got so much good planned for us **if we’ll Believe and Press on**! He can turn our struggles into Blessings. When hard times come and the Enemy – the Devil attacks me, I want to be resilient, hardy and strong enough to say to them – you are Helpless against me because I am Rooted in God, **He’s Keeping me, He makes me to stand and overcome**!! - Dear Lord, help us when the cold winds blow and storms rage, to keep on growing and blooming for Jesus. Dear reader, can you say – If I get down to One limb or one Branch like that little **Redbud Tree**, I’m gonna keep on Praising and Serving the Lord! It’s time to show others that this world’s elements, its pains and sorrows, its aggravations, disappointment and discouragements cannot take away the Beauty of our Praise and Worship to our Loving God!! I WILL NOT ALLOW THE DEVIL TO ROOT ME UP and move me away from God!!

What are you saying in this Newsletter brother Tommy? – WE ARE GOD’S TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS – THE PLANTING OF THE LORD! God planted us to Grow, to be Rooted and Grounded, to Prosper and bear Fruit for Him!

**LET’S LOOK AT THE OLIVE TREE IN THE BIBLE:**

**“The Olive Tree” –** Come on Psalmist David, tell us – What are you like? What are you comparing yourself to? David talks about the Wicked and ungodly who are like a Green Bay tree that have big and attractive shiny green leaves but they have no godly fruit; they boast themselves of their abundance in this world, they gloat in their evil and think they have it made! But he says - God will pluck them out of their dwelling place. He will root them out of the land of the living. Can we pause here and say – I am Thankful from the depths of my Heart and I’m Glad that I’m a Child of God? I’ve made up my Mind to Hold On to the Lord and stay Rooted and Grounded where He planted me!! Hallelujah!

**THE GREEN OLIVE TREE**

**David** said – in **Psalm 52:8** – “I am like a **Green** Olive Tree in the House of God.” Where at David? In the House of the Lord where the presence of God is!! There’s Life in God’s House!! Did you know that Olive Trees are one of the **longest living** and **most productive** of all fruit Trees? It’s the **Most Valuable** of all Bible Trees. The leaves of the Olive trees are an Emblem of Peace! One Olive Tree can produce a few hundred lbs of Oil in one year! They prosper and live to an incredible age – they’re known to live a thousand years. They say that the Root system of the Olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane are the same Root system where our blessed Lord Jesus knelt and Prayed to His heavenly Father - “Father, not my Will, but thy Will be done!!” The Greek word for Gethsemane means “The Olive Press!” David is saying – as long as I Pray and I’m faithful to God’s House, and I Love and Worship my Lord – He will **Anoint** me – He will Prosper me - I’ll be Happy and I’ll be Fruitful!!

 Tell us more Psalmist David – I sure will – I’ve had my hard times, I know what it feels like to suffer and go through it - I’ve been through the Olive Press, I’ve had my ups and downs and my afflictions; I have fought many hard battles and enemies but God has kept filling me and refilling me with the Precious Oil of His Spirit when I ran out or ran low! The Olive Oil in the Bible represents the Holy Spirit of God!! Can I tell us all - There’s no Anointing and no power for service, and there can be no Victory and no true Worship till you go through the Press to bring out the Oil in you!! In **Ps 92:10** – David tells the Lord - My horn (My Strength & Power) shalt thou exalt **- I shall be Anointed with Fresh Oil**.

**“THE HARVESTING PROCESS OF OLIVES”**

When the Olives are ripe and ready to harvest, those that are in reach of the pickers are plucked from the limbs; Some fall to the ground on their own when they ripen; others that are high up in the Tree have to be vigorously shaken and knocked down because they are strongly attached to the limbs! The Olives are then taken and put in a big round stone Vat. A big heavy round Stone is rolled over and over them to crush and press the Oil out of their skins. If there was No pressing – there’d be no Oil, there’d be no Oil to burn in a lamp to give Light in the Darkness to see, there’d be no seasoning for food to make it taste right and good; without the Oil pressed and released from their skins, there’d be no Anointing Oil to Anoint the Ministers for the service and work of the Lord! Without the Oil, which is symbolic of the Holy Spirit of God, there’d be no Anointed Singing, no Anointed music to inspire us to lift our Hands to Worship and Praise the Lord, there’d be no Excitement and Joy in the Church service! It takes the Anointing to touch and inspire the Preacher to bring Life in the Word of God to feed us, direct us and make us strong.

**BUT,** We have our part to play in this thing to have the precious Oil that brings Victory in the dark hour we’re living! There’s things we must do to be BLESSED and Prosper in God!! I can tell you – it will Cost you something to have God’s Anointing and Power – To have the Lord to use you to be a Blessing, an encourager to help others – THERE IS A PRICE to pay and it’s not cheap! You will fight the **Devil**, you’ll fight the spirits of this world, you’ll come against **Doubt**, **Worry and** **Fear**! You’ll have afflictions and **Mind battles**! I can’t stress it enough in this Message - It Means **everything** to you and to your future and to those around you, to abide in the place where God has Called you to **Obey** and Serve Him! It’ll be the difference between Victory or Misery and Defeat!

Your enemy the Devil will work on you if you let him! He’ll tell you – “You’re nothing, you don’t have anything, You’re not doing any good! You’re not even really saved!” But you can answer him back and say – “Devil, this One thing I know - I am a Saved Blood bought Child of God; I’ve been Called; I’ve got His Spirit dwelling deep within, I don’t serve you or this world! I’ve got the Sweet Holy Ghost, I know what I feel and I know that it’s real! He bears Witness to my spirit, He moves and I feel His presence, He speaks and I feel Him down in my Heart! Satan, you might fight but when I’m low in spirit and think I can’t go on, my God lifts me up and pours me out a Blessing in my Soul! You’ve come too late Satan, I’ve got the Joy of the Lord and the Blessed Hope of a Home in Heaven waiting! I’m staying with God and holding on to what He gave me and what He has shown me! I’m staying where He put me and you can’t talk me out of it! HALLELUJAH!” I’m preaching on: What kind of Tree are you?

WHAT ELSE CAN WE LEARN FROM A TREE THAT GOD COMPARES US TO?

**THE MAJESTIC PALM TREE**

**Psalms 92: 12-14** – The Righteous shall **Flourish** like the **Palm Tree**: he shall grow like a Cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the House of the Lord (where at?) in the House of the Lord, shall Flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing. God wants you to know – if you’re where His presence is, **you will Flourish**! Can you say – Plant me dear Jesus in the courts of my God?!

 What are you saying to us Lord in the **Palm Tree**? I want you to Stand Straight and Strong and bear fruit for me. The Palm Tree represents the Righteous who thrive in difficult circumstances. A man who traveled to the middle East tells in his Diary – “I saw the Palms standing 90 feet tall and still bearing fruit after two hundred years.” The stately Palm trees stand here and there on the plain like Military Sentinels with their silvery, feathery plumes nodding gracefully on their heads in the breeze! The Palm Tree grows **slowly** but it grows **steadily** from century to century, uninfluenced by the changing seasons which affect other trees. The Palm Tree does not droop in drought and the burning sun of summer where rain seldom falls. (This is a picture of a Godly praying Saint who is Mature in the Lord and served Him many years with much experience.) The wind cannot sway a Palm Tree from its perfect uprightness. It got Rooted and Established in its younger years! When you see them at a distance, their long perpendicular shafts have the appearance of Straight columns, erected by the Divine Architect. They appear as if they’re holding up the arch of Heaven above them, crowned with gorgeous green foliage.

Palm Trees symbolize strong Christians with Convictions who stand for their beliefs in the face of opposition. When storms of strong wind blow, it bends them way over, almost horizontal, to the ground but it cannot break them because God put it in them when the storm passes, they rise straight and erect again, strong as ever, as if nothing happened! It begs the question – “How flexible are we in the hard times of life when we get bent and pressed out of measure and yet we keep coming back, we keep getting back up and continue serving the Lord? Can we take the hard hits that come our way and allow God to stretch us to make us better and stronger in Him?” It is noted that when strong storms of wind comes and blows against the Trees, it loosens the ground where the Roots are and it allows the Roots to grow down even deeper! The Palm Trees beautiful unfading leaves make it an Emblem of Peace and Victory across the world!

 It's amazing, the Palm Tree grows from the sand, but the sand is not its food. Water from deep below feeds its tap root. They remain green both in summer and in winter like evergreens and they don’t fade. To these above all other Trees, the prize of beauty has always been awarded by every nation. The Palm Tree bears nutritious wholesome delicious fruit called Dates in bunches like grapes. **God said we are the emblem of the Palm Tree** and we are to be unmoved by the scorching and withering blasts of temptations and persecutions! We are to keep bearing the fruits of Righteousness for our precious Lord Jesus. Our roots must **go deep** to tap the water of Gods Spirit so we can **Stand** and **Endure** in these dry times, of these last days and keep bearing fruit for our Master! God made it clear in this scripture that we, like the Palm Trees, will still bear fruit in old age!! God wants us to Have Victory, Triumph, Peace, Success, and Joy in the Celebration of the Lord!! Now you know why the Apostle John in Revelation said - I saw in a vision a great multitude of saints in Heaven standing before the Throne and before the Lamb clothed in White Robes having Palms in their hands, waving them in Overcoming Victory!

Brother Tommy, how can I be strong and endure and have the victory and peace in my Soul?

**Ps 1:1** ¶ **Blessed** (Happy and prosperous – to be envied) 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. (I’m not taking this world’s ungodly counsel. I’m not casting my lot in with sinners to be with them, not going to think like them, run with them or go their way!! I’m not allowing myself to sit among scorners who judge and talk bad about others!!)

 **2** But his **Delight** is in the **Law** of the LORD; and in his law doth he **Meditate** day and night. **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.

 **4** ¶ The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. **5** Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. **6** For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

**CURSED OR BLESSED**

 We can be Cursed or we can be Blessed, it all depends on our make-up, where we desire to be and grow! The Psalmist said - **Ps 84:1** How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

 **2** My soul longeth, yea, even **fainteth** for the Courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

 **3** Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine Altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.

 **4** Blessed are they that dwell in **thy House**: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

**Jer 17:5** ¶ Thus saith the LORD; **Cursed** be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

 **6** For he shall be like the **Heath** in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. (**Heath Trees** are brown berried cedars that grow in waste places in isolated crags of mountains and dry deserts. They barely drink in enough moisture from the air to live and survice!)

 **BUT -**

**7** **Blessed** is the man that Trusteth in the LORD, and whose Hope the LORD is.

**8** For he shall be as a Tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her **leaf** shall be **green**; and shall not be **careful** (Shall not be worried) in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

**Ps 104:16** The trees of the LORD are full of sap;

Dear reader, God has made us Trees of Righteousness, the Planting of the Lord!

As I close, where are you growing? Where have you put your Roots down? Are you Rooted and Grounded in the Lord? Are you where God wants you? Are you Praying, Reading and Meditating in the Word of God, allowing the Roots of your Inner Being to grow deep to find that pure stream of Living Water that will quench that inward thirst of your Soul?

**May God Bless each and every one of my Readers!**