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Roots by the River

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NKJV)

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

Praise God for His infinite wisdom! I am reminded of Psalm 119:89 (NKJV) when I read this passage in Jeremiah,

Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.

Let me explain, God’s Word is so fixed and firm that even His creation that He created with this Word testifies to godly principles. In the case of this passage in Jeremiah, we have been given a glimpse into a tree that is planted by streams of water and given a comparison to a person who trusts in the Lord.

As I came across this passage of Scripture in Jeremiah, I recounted how often the Lord used this specific Scripture to inspire growth and transformation within me. This time is no different concerning that. However, this time bears another perspective that was revelatory to my soul, and hence, I wanted to immediately share it with you, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

As I read the passage of Scripture I was inspired to study out plant life and trees in particular. What I immediately came across was a definition and a word for the process of a tree sending out its roots into the streams. I said, Lord, is this thing true, do trees do that? Well, this may not come as a surprise to many and really including myself but yes trees do just that. The word for this process is *hydrotropism* and it simply means, *“the growth or turning of plant roots toward or away from moisture.”*

So there it is that other perspective that was revelatory to my soul. That is that God in His infinite wisdom and with His Word being firmly fixed in the heavens

saw fit to leave us godly examples and principles all throughout His amazing creation. Who are we to look the other way? Praise the Lord!

I wonder, where do your roots stretch to?

This godly principle left to us in the trees as ones who stretch out their roots by the river and thereby do not fear the day of drought nor heat as compared with those who trust in the Lord is really interesting then. Let's examine the process. The roots go deep in the ground and graciously grow toward water and moisture. Because they have done this, when the day of heat or drought comes, they will still have a better chance at survival because they are closer to the source of water. I wonder, are you tracking with me here?

There is no need to fear for the tree whose roots are stretched to the source because they will have all they need deep underneath when all above seems to fade and burn away from the heat of summer or drought. Are you still tracking with me here?

As believers in Christ (who is the source of Living Water through the Holy Spirit of God), how does this apply to us? Well, very simply, as believers we are to place our trust in the inexhaustible source of Living Water. Even though the fires rage hot on the outside, the inside deep underneath can still thrive. Really, the truth in Christ is that since He has already overcome the world we too by stretching our roots into Him through faith have also. Praise the Lord! We can do all things through Him who gives us strength, even in the year of drought. However, this is a faith principle and it is contingent upon our trusting the Lord with all of our hearts. When we do this, we move from a promise written in the word to a promise written on our hearts through the Spirit of the Living God.

May God continue to bless you, brothers and sisters, through the love and grace that are in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior, and may He fill you to overflowing with that inner confidence so that when the heat comes and it will, you may have a never-ending supply of Living Water, in Jesus name. Amen.

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