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E-votional 58

Planted by Streams

Psalm 1:2-3 (ESV),

but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

The Word of God as the delight of the soul, both day and night yields the most wonderful promise I believe for any God-fearing man or woman. This passage of Scripture both presents a before and an after synopsis for the believer in Jesus Christ, to whom be all glory. I am not presenting this as a work to earn anything but as a fruit in the life of the faithful that yields its plentiful harvest in the form of a materialized promise of God who is always faithful and cannot lie.

Let's begin with the Word of God being the delight of our soul. The one who delights in the Word of God and loves to see it realized in their lives stands in a great place. The promise of God here is straight forward and to the point. Such a one will always bear fruit. The Psalmist likens the one who delights in the Word of God as one who is planted by streams of water. Notice how it is not said that such a one is planted in dry ground, or even one that is planted in fertile ground but only receives water sometimes. It is said that the one who delights in the Word of God is planted by streams of water.

To be planted by streams of water implies a beautiful riverbed with lush foliage. If you were to take a walk to your favorite river or other body of water, you would most likely see this lush green life all around. This is because there is simply water enough to meet all the needs of the plant life in the area. I find this a beautiful illustration of those who are planted in the Lord's garden and how He gives the growth as mentioned in 1 Corinthians 3:6-7 (ESV),

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

The idea of the planting and watering here was in reference to the ministry given to Paul and Apollos. This ministry is in other places called the ministry of reconciliation and the calling came from God through His Word. Thus, they planted and watered with the Word of God. And this they did by the Holy Spirit.

I reference it like this because the Holy Spirit in many ways is referred to as water or living water. Therefore, the Word of God, when we meditate on it through prayer and the supply of the Holy Spirit brings forth fruit by revelation. When I read again the Psalm here and see where it says, '*yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither,*' I recall the truth that although I may be in a season that feels dry and barren, my leaf will not wither because His promise is true and God cannot lie. It is a most holy faith principle that when believed and applied can keep one thriving no matter what season they are in. Look at the best part of this same verse of Scripture, '*In all that he does, he prospers.*' Praise You Lord for Your faithfulness to keep us growing when it seems as if we were not!

The truth here revealed is that through faith in God's promises we can be like a spiritual tree planted by the streams of living water. Our fruit will always come in its destined seasons and our leaves will never cease to be alive in Christ. Everything we do shall prosper. O when the Word of God is our all and the delight of our soul we shall see this promise unfold in our lives.

I know I personally, have on more than one occasion felt as if I were in a season where I was not bearing fruit at all. Notice how I said that I felt that I was not bearing fruit. This is because as Christians there are always times and seasons where it feels that the fruit in our lives just disappeared or fell off the tree. Now, that is not what really happens. However, something that I learned about in these seasons was how everything seemed to yet work out despite my feeling of losing said fruit or even times when I felt that I was less than acquainted with our Lord. What I mean is that we are very temporal creatures that seem to be on a rollercoaster of emotion at times. We may feel one way one day and then the complete opposite the next. This is why meditating on the Word of God is so important. It increases our awareness of the truth and brings revelation and power of it into our inner being when we need it the most. If I had not read in the Word that I am like a tree planted by streams of water, then I may not realize that in my weak moments this is still true. We do not gauge the Word of God by how we feel at any given day but simply by faith in what it says.

The great takeaway here is that there will come times of great difficulty in this spiritual journey. We will go through seasons of pruning. We will go through seasons of abundant fruit. And we will go through seasons where our fruit seems lost. No matter what season you are in, God's Word, when meditated on and believed in will cause your leaves to always remain green and everything you do

to prosper. What a wonderful promise to know that no matter how we feel if we are true to God's Word and take great delight in it, we will always prosper in what we do for Him. And when we slow down to meditate on His promises through faith and prayer, the Holy Spirit can cause us to prosper therein. Allow God to plant you by His streams of everlasting love, grace, and truth.

Father, You are infinitely wise and complete in all that You say and do. We want to delight in Your Word more than the finest of treasures. We also know there are times when we feel quite the opposite. Give us resilience against those times where we feel this and give us renewed vigor to carry us through by Your Spirit and Word. We know Your promise is true and choose to believe it by the grace You supply us, in Jesus name. Amen.

In Christ's Love,
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