

8-19-2026 – WACKY WORSHIP – Palm Trees

Things we see to remind us of God. We **need** reminders!

S.C. – state flag/license tag - Palmetto Tree. Commemorates act of resilience.

Reason – 1776 – tree absorbed the cannonballs; has soft, fibrous wood.

Palmetto tree/ type of palm tree. 2,000 species. Palmettos: 30-50' Palm: 80'+

State tree of **FL** – **Sabal** Palmetto. It's in the state seal; state flag

Palm leaves: distinctive shape. Know 'em. Spiritual & symbolic meanings.

For example, "**Feast of Tabernacles**" – a 7-day Jewish festival.

Lev. 23:40 – "And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days."

- **Festival** started on 15th day of 7th month of Hebrew calendar; following the harvest, symbolizing gratitude & dependence on God's provision.
- **Gather fruit of beautiful trees** – it symbolized beauty & abundance, reflected the bounty of the land God provided to the Israelites.
- **Branches of palm trees** - Palms were abundant in the region & were associated with **victory, triumph, & eternal life**.
 - In ancient Rome, palm branches awarded to **victorious athletes & warriors**, embodying success and achievement.
 - Palm branches remind us of **Jesus' triumph** over death and His entry into Jerusalem - greeted w/ palm branches. ([John 12:13](#))
 - In many cultures, it's a **symbol of paradise**. Identify with leisure, relaxation, peace & calm.
 - Yep – peace in paradise!
 - "After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands." – **Rev. 7:9**

Psalm 92:12 – “The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.”

Psalm 92 - ¹ It is good to praise the Lord
and make music to your name, O Most High,
² proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,
³ to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.
⁴ For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord;
I sing for joy at what your hands have done.
⁵ How great are your works, Lord, how profound your thoughts!
⁶ Senseless people do not know, fools do not understand,
⁷ that though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers flourish,
they will be destroyed forever. ⁸ But you, Lord, are forever exalted.
⁹ For surely your enemies, Lord, surely your enemies will perish;
all evildoers will be scattered. ¹⁰ You have exalted my horn [[symbolizing](#)
[strength](#)] like that of a wild ox; fine oils have been poured on me.
¹¹ My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries; my ears have heard the
rout of my wicked foes.
¹² **The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;** ¹³ planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts
of our God. ¹⁴ They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and
green, ¹⁵ proclaiming, “The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no
wickedness in him.”

4 Spiritual Truths:

1 – Righteous Will Flourish

- Flourish means: to grow, thrive, or live in a healthy, successful way
- SO - the righteous continue to grow . . . grow in faith, grow in love, grow in deeds.

- Righteous **rise up & thrive** . . . even in challenging times.
- They don't give up. They don't become stagnant!
- None are righteous. It comes thru faith in J.C. **Rom. 3:22.**

2 – Will be Resilient

- Palm trees endure heat, drought, & harsh conditions. They still stand.
- Palm trees are designed to bend in the storm, not break. So are we!
- Like palm trees, be steadfast in faith that despite life's challenges, **you can trust in God's provision & strength.**
 - When the winds of life come against you – remember that you were made to withstand it. **Built to bend.** Called victorious.
 - We aren't promised an easy life, but God promises to sustain us, strengthen us. Hardship doesn't destroy us, or usefulness.

3 – Will bear Fruit

- ¹⁴They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green"
- **Bearing Fruit** – our flourishing isn't just for our personal benefit; it's also for the blessing of others. We're **encouragers!**
- Even in old age – Righteous Believers will bear fruit . . . will **lead** others to Jesus, will **demonstrate** God's **love** and **truth** to the world.
- We will **still proclaim** – even after enduring loss, grief, hardship – that God is good. God is my rock; my sustainer. Still standing!
 - Palm trees are **ever-green**. . . don't lose leaves.
 - In old age, we don't lose our usefulness, love, wisdom, nature

4 - Will experience Eternal Victory

- Evil-doers will be scattered. Be defeated. Destroyed forever.
- The righteous will live forever. Waving Palm Branches as victors.
- **Eternal Perspective** - Eternal life is promised to the righteous.
 - Live w/ eternity in mind, focus on what truly matters. Remain fruitful.