

LIKE A TREE

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In three very important areas the Bible reveals that the godly individual is "like a tree."

1) The man who meditates day and night in God's law "shall be like a tree" (Psalm 1:2-3). When we consistently spend time studying and reflecting upon the Word of God it makes us stronger in our faith and knowledge (2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Peter 3:18). This regular meditation in inspired Scripture will cause fruit to be born in our lives (v. 3; Luke 8:15; John 15:2). Reading and applying the Bible will cause our way to prosper (v. 3; James 1:25). So are you "like a tree" in this way? Do you have spiritual strength and deep roots of faith because your "delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law" you meditate "day and night"?

2) The man who trusts in the LORD "shall be like a tree" (Jeremiah 17:7-8). God stated in the previous verse that "the man who trusts in man...shall be like a shrub in the desert" (vv. 5-6). What a difference it will make in our lives if we make flesh our strength or

the God who created all things! We need to heed the admonition given in the Book of Proverbs. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (3:5-6). Are you "like a tree" or "like a shrub" in the desert? It depends on where you've placed your trust.

3) The man whose hope is in the LORD "shall be like a tree" (Jeremiah 17:7-8). To hope in anyone or anything else in this life is futile. There is only "one hope" (Eph. 4:4). It is a hope that will not disappoint (Romans 5:5). This hope is "an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" (Hebrews 6:19). This hope that we have in the Lord will help us to maintain purity in our lives (I John 3:3). Heaven is the most important goal of all, so let's "lay hold of the hope set before us" (Heb. 6:18). Is your hope in the Lord? If it is not, then you are without hope! May each one of us be "like a tree" in these three vital areas! -|

SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

STUDY DAILY! Acts 17:11

The Truth About John 3:16

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Frank Anderson
Reading: Numbers 21:4-9
- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....John Nelson
Serve.....Robert Johnson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Johnson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Invitation.....Kenny Johnson

Home Bible Studies Available Upon Request!

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE FOR OUTSIDE SIGN
(Thanks to anyone who can stay after services tonight and help change the sign.)

BOTH SIDES:

SALVATION REQUIRES REPENTANCE
ACTS 2:38

