

Sermon Notes

Like a Tree - Psa 1:1-3

July 26, 2020

I. Introduction

- a. how full is your joy and peace meter... you have control over emotions...
John 15:11... "I have told you these things so your joy may be complete..."
pleroo... to make full, fill to the full; supply liberally; nothing shall be wanting...
John 16:33... "I have told you these things so in Me you may have peace..."
shalowm... completeness, soundness, welfare, safety, health, prosperity, contentment...
- b. no power and authority without joy and peace... know Word, believe it...
Matt 13... "secrets of kingdom have been given to you..."
Rom 14:17... "kingdom is not... but righteousness, peace, and joy in HS..."
basileia... power, authority; not actual kingdom, but right and authority to rule...
Rom 15:13... "may God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you believe..."
- c. do you know what DIY means... are you good at it... these people aren't... I wasn't either until I practiced... practice getting into Word... **pray**...
Phil 4... "put into practice all you learned, received, heard, seen in me..."
prasso... perform repeatedly or habitually; accomplish, perform, do, act...
1Tim 4... "practice these things... be committed... progress evident to all..."

II. Like a Tree

- a. vast majority of us learn by doing... new series... over next several weeks, going to walk you thru how to prosper and succeed... DIY if you want results...
Josh 1:7-9... "study Book continually, meditate... then prosper and succeed..."
Psa 1:1-3... "delight in Lord's instruction... whatever he does prosper..."
3John 2... "wish above all things you prosper and be in good health..."
tsalach/euodoo... make progress; succeed, advance; be at rest; understand; act wisely...
- b. God's formula for guaranteed success... get in the Word, not the world...
2Cor 3:5... "no lasting value on our own... only success comes from God..."
- c. bible uses *word pictures* to help us understand... man is often like a tree...
Jer 17:8... "he will be like a tree planted by water..."
Dan 4:22... "that tree is you, the king..."
Matt 7:17... "good tree produces good fruit... bad tree produces bad fruit..."
- d. what causes those trees (us) to prosper... living water of the Word...
Psa 1:1-3... "blessed is the man... whose delight is in the Lord's instruction... meditates day and night... like tree planted by water... prosper in all he does..."
Isa 55:11-12... "My word always produces fruit... prosper everywhere I send it... you will live in joy and peace... trees of field shall clap their hands..."
John 4... "if you knew the gift of God... He would give you living water..."
Eph 5... "to make holy and clean... washed by the cleansing of the Word..."
- e. no Word... no joy, no peace, no power, no prosperity, no life... no nothing...
There is no life in the void, only death. Sauron

- f. remember... bible is all about Jesus... not rules, laws, regulations... when you read it... important to see Him and His obedience in all of it...
Psa 63:6... "when on my bed... I think of You... I meditate on You..."
Psa 77:12... "I reflect on all You have done... meditate on Your actions..."
Psa 143:5... "I meditate on all You have done... on work of Your hands..."
Luke 24... "He interpreted things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures..."
Acts 10:43... "He is the One all the Prophets testified about..."
Acts 28:23-24... "persuaded them concerning Jesus from Law and Prophets..."
Rom 1:16-17... "in the Gospel... righteousness of God is revealed..."
2Cor 10:5... "bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..."
- g. look at this passage in **Hebrew/English interlinear** bible (reads right to left)...
Josh 1:7... "do not turn from it to the right or to the left..."
Hebrew... *or-left right from-him you-turn not*

Josh 1:8... "meditate on it..."
Hebrew... *on-him but-you-meditate*

Josh 1:9... "be sure to obey all that is written in it..."
Hebrew... *in-him the-being-written as-all-of to-do you-may-be-careful*
- h. bible not just words... about person who wrote those words... big difference in thinking about, pondering, meditating on words or a person (Hodne)...
Psa 91:3... "He Himself will rescue you... protect you from disease..."
Isa 53:4... "He Himself bore our sicknesses... He carried our pains..."
Matt 3:11... "He Himself will baptize you with the Holy Spirit..."
Luke 24:36... "He Himself said... *peace be with you*..."
Acts 17:25... "He Himself gives everyone life and breath and all things..."
Heb 2:18... "since He Himself suffered and was tempted... He can help..."
1Pet 2:24... "He Himself bore our sins in His body... so we might live..."
1John 2:2... "He Himself is the sacrifice for our sins... and of world..."
- i. lots of people know bible, but don't know Jesus... God wants you to know Jesus... Jesus is the One who brings us life... Jesus is the One who gives us the power to change things... I'll say it again, it's all about Jesus...
John 5:37-40... "the Father has testified about Me... you have never heard His voice or seen Him and you do not have His message in your hearts because you do not believe Me... you search the Scriptures because you think they give you life... the Scriptures point to Me... yet you refuse to come to Me for life..."
- j. exposure leads to thoughts... thoughts lead to feelings... feelings lead to actions... what are you exposed to most... **world or word**... soul (**mew**) must be transformed before you see life and peace... you make that choice...
Rom 8:6-11... "carnal mind is death... spiritual mind is life and peace... He wants to bring life to your mortal bodies thru His Spirit..."
Rom 12:2... "don't conform... be transformed by renewing of your mind..."
2Cor 3:18... "we are being transformed into the same image... by the HS..."
3John 2... "prosper and be in good health... just as your soul prospers..."
- k. trees fed by living water prosper, thrive, grow... produce fruit that blesses others... stand strong in storms... be like a tree... **pray**...
Psa 52:8... "I am like an olive tree... thriving in house of God..."
Isa 61:3... "in righteousness, they will be great oaks... for God's glory..."
Hos 14:5-8... "like trees of Lebanon... they shall flourish and blossom..."

Give God's Word Priority

Josh 1:8... *meditate on it (Him)... then you will prosper and succeed...*

In life... there is good success and bad success. **Bad** success robs you of time with your family, friends, and church... and destroys your health and relationships. **Good** success... on the other hand... brings prosperity in every area of your life.

God wants you to enjoy good success. The key to this lies in what God told Joshua when he took over following the death of Moses... *this book of instruction must not depart from your mouth... you are to recite it day and night (meditate on Him)... so that you may carefully observe everything written in it... for then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do.*

Josh 1:7-9.

Spending time finding Jesus in God's word daily will give you godly wisdom which will make your way prosperous and give you good success.

Look at how Joshua's life turned out. When he died... *they buried him within the border of his inheritance at Timnath Serah... which is in the mountains of Ephraim... on the north side of Mount Gaash.* **Josh 24:30.** He had a whole mountain for his inheritance. He was prosperous and successful.

It was also said that Israel served the Lord... not idols or other gods... all the days of Joshua's life. **Josh 24:31.** He had influence on those around him. They were impacted for God's glory.

At the end of his life... a fulfilled Joshua... had this to say, *but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.* **Josh 24:15.** Having your family loving God and serving Him with you is the most important success and greatest prosperity that you can ever have.

Beloved... when God's word takes priority in your daily life... not only will your finances be blessed... your ministry and family will also be blessed. **Prosper** (*tsalach*)... *make progress; succeed; to advance; experience prosperity; be successful; be at rest or at ease; wisely understand; be prudent; have insight or comprehension. understanding or discernment; to act wisely; to excel.*

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Sermon Study

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1. How do you get **joy and peace**? Read **John 15:11** and **John 16:33**. Is that something you're currently **practicing**? Why or why not?
2. Read **Josh 1:7-9** and **Psa 1:1-3**. How do we **prosper and succeed**? Is that something you're currently **practicing**? Why or why not?
3. Why is it good to be **like a tree**? Read **Psa 1:1-3** and **Isa 55:11-12**. What does **living water** do for us? Read **John 4:1-26** and **Eph 5:26**.
4. What should you be **looking for** when you read your bible? Read **Psa 63:6; 77:12; 143:5... Luke 24:27... Acts 10:43... 2Cor 10:5**. Is that something you're currently **practicing**? Why or why not?
5. Read **Josh 1:7-9**. How does reading that passage in the **Hebrew Interlinear** bible change what that means (*see sermon notes*)? Are you reading the bible for the words or **WHO** it is about? Read **Psa 91:3... Isa 53:4... Matt 3:11... Acts 17:25... 1Pet 2:24**.
6. Why is it good to be **like a tree**? Read **Psa 52:8... Isa 61:3... Hosea 14:5-8**. What happens when you're like a tree?

The most important thing I had to do was read the Word and meditate on it. Thus, my heart might be comforted, encouraged, warned, and instructed. The weaker we are... the more meditation we need to strengthen our inner man. Meditation gives us peace to pass thru trials. George Muller