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Psalm 92:12 – 15

“The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; to show that the LORD is upright: He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.” Psalm 92:12 – 15

In the midst of the desert the palm tree flourishes! So the righteous in Christ may expect to flourish even in the midst of the wilderness of life. Those who have allowed the Lord to plant them in His church will experience the fullest blessing of God – flourishing in the courts of God! “Believe the Lord your God, so shall you be established; believe His prophets, so shall you prosper.” (2 Chronicles 20:20b).

It is not in the rebellious heart to submit himself to this “planting of the Lord.” We prefer to follow what makes us happy, what gives us pleasure, what is convenient to our schedules and to our comforts. To choose a church as one would choose a restaurant is such a foolish thing. “But now has God set the members, every one of them, in the body (the Church) as it has pleased Him.” (1 Corinthians 12:18).

To please God is the Christian’s highest aim. First, deny yourself, take up your cross and then you have the honour of following Jesus – and not before! But to please God carries its own rewards! “Shall grow!” “Shall flourish!” “Shall bring forth fruit even in old age.”

Of course, you have the “right” to choose your own course, but for the righteous – those who have set their hearts on pleasing God will find themselves “planted in the house of the Lord.”

“Father, plant me where You desire me to be planted. Establish me in Your Word and among Your people, the body of Christ. Set me in the gathering of believers where I will best grow and mature to be like Jesus, and where I will be best used to bless others! In Jesus’ name!”

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