

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL**

**14 February 2021**

**Text: Psalm 92**

**Subject: "Like a Palm Tree, Like a Cedar"**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Imagery of Trees

- a) Picturesque
- b) Powerful
- c) To portray a life that is well-planted

2. Two trees singled out

- a) A Palm Tree          Psalm 92:12a
  - i) Structure: Tall and straight
  - ii) Symbolic of a righteous life
  - iii) Stately
  - iv) Symbolic
- b) A Cedar Tree          Psalm 92:12b
  - i) Mighty
  - ii) Majestic
  - iii) Magnificent

**A PICTURE PORTRAYED**

1. The Righteous          Psalm 92:12

- a) Flourish
- b) Shall grow up

2. The activities of the Righteous

- a) He relates to the Lord in giving thanks/ praise          Psalm 92:1
- b) He relates regularly

- i) In the morning  
He declares God's lovingkindness                      Psalm 92:2a
- ii) In the evening  
He speaks of God's faithfulness                      Psalm 92:2b
- c) He has found gladness in the Lord                      Psalm 92:4
- d) He dwells on God's works/ thoughts                      Psalm 92:5
- e) He is contrasted
  - i) With the senseless man                      Psalm 92:6a
  - ii) With the fool                      Psalm 92:6b
  - iii) With the wicked                      Psalm 92:7a
  - iv) With the workers of iniquity                      Psalm 92:7b

**A TREE WELL-PLANTED**

- 1. In the house of the LORD                      Psalm 92:13a
- 2. In the courts of the LORD                      Psalm 92:13b
- 3. They shall flourish                      Psalm 92:13c
- 4. Reasons for flourishing:
  - a) Planted
  - b) Cared for
  - c) Protected

**A TREE THAT BEARS FRUIT**

- 1. It bears fruit in its season                      Psalm 1:3
- 2. It continues to bear fruit in old age                      Psalm 92:14a

**A TREE THAT CONTINUES TO BE FRESH AND FLOURISHING**

- 1. Freshness
  - a) Life

b) Healthy

c) Energy

## 2. Flourishing

a) Continues to be strong

b) Continues to be fruitful

## 3. Focus

a) To declare that the LORD is upright                      Psalm 92:15a

b) The LORD's blessing is to be noted and appreciated

## **APPROPRIATE RESPONSE**

### 1. Personal reflection

a) Power and strength

But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox                      Psalm 92:10a

b) Anointing

I have been anointed with fresh oil                      Psalm 92:10b

c) Victory over enemies

My eye also has seen my desire on my enemies                      Psalm 92:11a

### 2. Practice of Praise

a) He is my Rock

Psalm 92:15b

b) And there is no unrighteousness in Him

Psalm 92:15c

## **CONCLUSION**

### 1. Promise

The blessings of the Lord are promised to the righteous.

### 2. Potential

The potential of realization lies in being righteous.

### 3. Proven

The picture of a well-planted tree has been proven.