

BE LIKE A PLANTED TREE



*"He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers."
Psalm 1:3*

The Strength of an Intercessor

The strength and challenges of an Intercessor lie in their capacity to remain anchored in the Spirit of God, in the Shalom of God, as arrows are flying all around. A true and effective Intercessor does not operate out of their flesh mind, tho knows and possesses clarity about what are their prayer subjects and targets.

A strong Intercessor for God is yielded to the Holy Spirit who works and speaks through him or her. They do not intercede from personal emotion, but with a passion of God, nor from personal filters and prejudices but from God's Holy Will empowered through the spoken word and released into the airwaves.

Strength comes from neutrality and peace, stability and groundedness. Like a tree of righteousness planted beside still waters. Who is the still waters of the New Covenant? It is our Lord Jesus Christ. Throughout the Sacred Scriptures are passages describing planted trees; God's people planted for His good works and His Holy Will.

We invoke the Word of God to strengthen as Intercessors.

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*Let Us Pray Together...*

*Dear Heavenly Father, I come before You as your Intercessor, seeking strengthening, to be like a tree of righteousness planted in You. That I will only speak what are Your words, Your Will and Your victories.*

*So that I will not get knocked about by the storms constantly beating on our shores. So that I will not be distracted and deluded by the most recent news, having my mind, emotions and views tossed about like erratic waves of a storm.*

## **Trees of Righteousness**

- ◆ Heavenly Father, help me to be Your tree of righteousness, firmly planted in the soil of Your Truth, not the latest information of this age which is so capricious and unreliable; and causes me to be tossed about in my mind and emotions.
- ◆ As Isaiah 61:3 says: *“To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, **that they might be called trees of righteousness**, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.”*
- ◆ Heavenly Father, I fully submit myself to You, that You may be glorified through me. Amen.

## **Trees Planted By Waters**

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I commit to being a tree of your righteousness planted by streams of water; the waters that Jesus described in John 7:37-38: *“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”* Let these rivers of living water flow within me Lord God!
- ◆ For Psalm 1:1-3 proclaims: *“Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the*

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*seat of scoffers; but **their delight is in the law of the Lord**, and on his law they meditate day and night. **They are like trees planted by streams of water**, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.”*

- ◆ Lord God, as I submit my will to yours, I let your fruits be yielded through me; as You are the streams of water that feeds my soul. Thank you Lord God, for the blessings of being a tree of righteousness.
- ◆ For Psalm 1:4-6 shares: *“The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for **the Lord watches over the way of the righteous**, but the way of the wicked will perish.”*
- ◆ Lord God, Your Word consistently affirms the blessings that You provide when we are planted in You. As Numbers 24:6 says: *“Like valleys they spread out, like gardens beside a river, **like aloes planted by the Lord, like cedars beside the waters**. Water will flow from their buckets; **their seed will have abundant water.**”*

Take Refuge in God

- ◆ Heavenly Father, I repent for all the times and ways I took refuge and consolation in, put trust and reliance in the ‘truth’ of various news sources, more so than I put trust in You. I repent for all the time and energy I expended reacting to, mulling over, feeding off of the latest news, rather than spending time in stillness to hear directly from You, the ultimate news source; and what You would have me know, the revelations You want to give me.
- ◆ In Psalm 52 entitled *“Judgment on the Deceitful”*, You demonstrate the difference between trees planted in their own ego and wickedness versus trees planted in You. The warnings You give here are inspiration and encouragement, that You will deliver justice and You do reward the faithfully righteous; those that are planted in YOU.

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- ◆ As Psalm 52:1-7 says: *“Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against the godly? All day long you are plotting destruction. Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you worker of treachery. You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking the truth. Selah. You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue. But God will break you down forever; He will snatch and tear you from your tent; He will uproot you from the land of the living. Selah.”*
- ◆ Psalm 52:6-7 convicts me: *“The righteous will see, and fear, and will laugh at the evildoer, saying, ‘See the one who would not take refuge in God, but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!’”*
- ◆ I proclaim Psalm 52:8-9, which consoles and uplifts me: *“But I am **like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God’s unfailing love for ever and ever.** For what You have done I will always praise You in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good.”* Amen.
- ◆ Lord God, “taking refuge in You” means truly and totally trusting in YOU, leaning not on my own understanding or clever knowledge. As Jeremiah 17:5-6 advises: *“This is what the Lord says: ‘Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord. That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.*
- ◆ I take hold of Jeremiah 17:7-8 which describes the blessings and fruits of being a tree planted in You: *“But **blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.**”* Thank you Heavenly Father, for Your Shalom that comes from being a tree planted in You.
- ◆ Proverbs 11:28-29 reminds me that trusting in the things of this world inevitably leads to disappointment as by their own nature, they dissipate or run out: *“Those who trust in their riches will wither, but **the***

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righteous will flourish like green leaves. Those who trouble their households will inherit wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise.

- ◆ Lord God, I take hold of Your promise in Proverbs 11:30: ***“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life.”***
- ◆ Jesus exemplified perfect trust in You Lord God, as He calmly rebuked the storm in Matthew 8:24-26 *“Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, ‘Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!’ He replied, ‘You of little faith, why are you so afraid?’ Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.”*
- ◆ Help me Lord Jesus Christ, to be fully possessed of Your trust in God, to remain perfectly at peace amidst the storms of life because I live in perfect faith.

The Fruits of a Righteous Tree

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, Your Word is my guiding star that keeps me focused on and anchored in what is important in this life. I repent for all of the times and ways I fell prey to the culture, for ‘being of the world’. Help me Abba, to be righteous in all my thoughts, words, actions and deeds. Help me to live a blameless life, to walk always upright, doing what is morally right even when it is the more difficult choice.
- ◆ As Proverbs 11:3-9 proclaims: *“The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity. Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but **righteousness delivers from death. The righteousness of the blameless makes their paths straight, but the wicked are brought down by their own wickedness. The righteousness of the upright delivers them, but the unfaithful are trapped by evil desires. Hopes placed in mortals die with them; all the promise of their power comes to nothing. The righteous person is rescued from trouble, and it falls on the wicked instead. With their mouths the***

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*godless destroy their neighbors, but **through knowledge the righteous escape.***”

- ◆ Lord God, bring me a deep and true revelations of what this means: “*through knowledge the righteous escape.*” Bring me into deeper wisdom of Your Truth and mysteries; so that Your righteousness shines through me even without words coming out of my mouth.

### **We Will Flourish in the Courts of Our God**

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, Jesus came to give us eternal life; eternal life with You. THIS is the greatest fruit and reward of being a tree of righteousness planted in You.
- ◆ As Psalm 92:12-15 promises: “*The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; **planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.** They will still bear fruit in old age, **they will stay fresh and green,** proclaiming, ‘The Lord is upright; He is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.’”*
- ◆ Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow!

### **SEALING PRAYER**

*“For we know that if the tent  
that is our earthly home is destroyed,  
**we have a building from God,**  
a house not made with hands,  
eternal in the heavens.  
For in this tent we groan,  
**longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,**  
if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.  
For while we are still in this tent, we groan,*

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*being burdened—not that we would be unclothed,
but that we would be further clothed,
so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.
He who has prepared us for this very thing is God,
who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.*

So we are always of good courage.

*We know that while we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord,
for we walk by faith, not by sight.*

*Yes, we are of good courage,
and we would rather be away from the body
and at home with the Lord.*

So whether we are at home or away,

we make it our aim to please him.

*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,
so that each one may receive what is due
for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

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*“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth,  
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.*

*And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.  
And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,*

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*'Behold, **the dwelling place of God is with man.***

He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,

and God himself will be with them as their God.

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,

and death shall be no more,

neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore,

for the former things have passed away.'

And he who was seated on the throne said,

'Behold, I am making all things new.'

Revelations 21:1-5