

## Are You Called a Tree of Righteousness, the Planting of Yahweh?

*[CAVEAT: Everything between the pink brackets that is written in bold, ten-point, italic fonts are not to be taken as part of the scriptures. They are only my attempt to help the readers understand the scripture better. T.A.H.]*

If you have been washed clean by the blood of **Yahshua** which was a result of this Passover/Unleavened Bread Season, then you have had the following calling:

Hebrews 12 (22) But you have come to **Mount Zion**, and to **the city of the Living Elohim, the Heavenly Jerusalem**, and to the **innumerable host of angels**, (23) To the **General Assembly and Congregation** of the **Firstborn**, who are enrolled in Heaven, and to **Elohim** the **Judge** of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, (24) And to **Yahshua** the **Mediator of a New Covenant**, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaks better than Abel.

The following scriptures also affects all who truly come to Mount Zion.

Isaiah 61 (1) The spirit of the **Sovereign Yahweh** is upon Me; because **Yahweh** hath anointed Me to preach good tidings to the meek; He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, (2) to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound; to proclaim the year of **Yahweh's** favor, and the day of vengeance of our **Elohim**; to comfort all that mourn; (3) To appoint to them [*the Saints*] **that mourn in Zion**, to give to them a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; **that they may be called Trees of Righteousness, the planting of Yahweh**, that He may be glorified.

Jer 17 (7) Blessed *is* the man that **trusts in Yahweh**, and whose trust **Yahweh** is. (8) For he shall be as a tree **planted by the waters**, *that* spreads out its roots by the river, and shall not fear when heat comes, but its leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from **yielding fruit**.

Psalm 1 (1) Blessed *is* the man that walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers. (2) But his delight *is* in the Law of **Yahweh**; and on His law does he meditate day and night. (3) And he shall be like **a tree planted by the streams of water**, that brings forth its fruit in its season in its season; whose leaf also does not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

When is our season to be fruitful?

Before proceeding: Just as "muzzling not the ox that treadeth out the corn" had a duel meaning, so does the scripture concerning **fruit** in Leviticus 19:23-25. While explaining that those who preach the Gospel had authority to live of the Gospel, the apostle Paul wrote the following.

First Corinthians 9 (9) For it is written in the law of Moses, You shall not muzzle the ox when he treads out the grain. Is it for the oxen that **Yahweh** care, (10) Or does he say it assuredly for our sake? Yes, for our sake it was written because he that plows ought to plow in hope, and he that thrashes, *to thresh* in hope of partaking. ... (14) Even so did **Yahweh** ordain that they that proclaim the Good Tidings should live by the Good Tidings.

Levitus 19 (23) And when you shall come into the land, and shall have **planted all manner of trees** for food, then you shall count the **fruit** of it as their uncircumcision: three years shall they be as uncircumcised to you: it shall not be eaten. (24) But in the fourth year all the fruit of it shall be holy for giving praise to **Yahweh**. (25) And in the fifth year you shall eat of the fruit of it, that it may yield to you the increase of it: **I am Yahweh your Elohim**.

The three years are a time of maturing by learning and submitting to **Yahweh's** ways. (This is an important time for the circumcising of the heart- the tearing away of the things of the world.) You are still a novice (newly planted). You should be bringing forth fruit bringing forth **fruit**, even though it is immature **fruit**.

By the fourth year, you should be bringing forth more mature **fruit** to dedicate and offer it to **Yahweh** both in and out of the Assembly. You should be ready by then to be dedicated to serving in the Assembly and proving yourselves by just performing with whatever gift or service that **Yahweh** gives you for the edification of the General Assembly and the local congregation.

By the fifth year, you should be bringing forth such mature **fruits** and having learned much through experience that you qualify to serve as Deacons and Elders (overseers) and Elders (overseers) or whatever office **Yahweh** calls you to.

Isn't this in line with that which Paul told Timothy in I Timothy 3:1-13?

First Timothy 3 (1) Faithful is the saying, if a man seeks the office of a bishop, he desires a good work. (2) The bishop therefore must be without reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, orderly, given to hospitality, apt to teach; (3) No brawler, no pugilist ; but gentle, not contentious, no lover of money; (4) One that rules well his own house, having children in subjection with all gravity; (5) (But if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Assembly of **Yahweh**?) (6) Not a novice [*newly planted-G3504*], lest being puffed up he fall into the condemnation of the devil. (7) Moreover he must have good testimony from them that are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. (8) Deacons in like manner *must be* grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; (9) Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. (10) And let these also first be proved; then let them serve as deacons, if they be blameless. (11) [*Their*] women [*wives-G1135*] in like manner *must be* grave, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. (12) Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling children and their own houses well. (13) For they that have served well as deacon gain to themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is in **Messiah Yahshua**.

What if we do not bring forth fruit, and prosper?

Luke 13 (6) And He spoke this parable; A certain *man* had a **fig tree** **planted** in his vineyard; and he came seeking **fruit** on it, and found none. (7) And he said to the vinedresser, Behold, these three years I come seeking **fruit on this fig tree**, and find none: cut it down; why does it also cumber the ground? (8) And he answering says to him, Master, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung *it*: (9) And if it **bear fruit** in the future, *well*: but if not, *you shall cut it down*.

In this parable, **Yahshua** was telling the Jewish nation that He was sent to them for three years to tell them to repent & bring forth **fruit** suitable to offer to **Yahweh**. Meanwhile, the Jewish nation did not repent in their uncircumcised heart, & **Yahshua** offered up Himself to **Yahweh** as the **Passover Lamb** during the fourth year. Fifty days after His Resurrection, the Holy Spirit was poured out on the **Day of Pentecost** which should have enabled the Jewish nation to bring forth fruit suitable to offer to **Yahweh**. As a result many of them did begin to bring forth fruit suitable after that. However, most of the Jewish nation did not and in time they were cut down and cast into the fire like an **unfruitful tree**. (If you have ever read Josephus you would know what a fire that was!)

Maybe this **parable** is also telling us that we are subjecting ourselves to being cut off and rejected if we do not circumcise our hearts and bring forth some manner of fruit suitable to offer to **Yahweh** after four Years? **We are novices (newly planted) for the 1<sup>st</sup> year, 2<sup>nd</sup> year, and 3<sup>rd</sup> year. He then should expects some suitable fruit by the 4<sup>th</sup> year.** If He doesn't find any suitable fruit by the 4<sup>th</sup> year, maybe He stirs up His Holy Spirit within us and then expects some suitable **fruit** to come forth after that? If some suitable **fruit** does not come

forth after that, maybe we are then subject to be hewn down at any time and be cast away to be burned **like an unfruitful tree?** That is something to consider!

Just as false prophets are known by their **fruits**, so are we!

Matthew 7 (15) Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. (16) By their fruits you shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? (17) Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but the corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit. (18) A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. (19) Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. (20) Therefore by their fruits you shall know them. (21) Not every one that says to Me, Master, Master, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that does the will of My Father Who is in heaven. (22) Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master, did we not prophesy by Your name, and by Your name cast out demons, and by Your name do many mighty works? (23) And then will I profess to them, I never knew you: depart from Me, you that work lawlessness.

We must work to bring forth **fruit** unto **Yahweh** both in the General Assembly and the local Assembly and before all mankind. You should do the works of **Yahweh** by first believing on **Yahshua** Whom **Yahweh** sent & then do the **good works** that you were created in **Yahshua** to do. The following verses are self explanatory.

John 6 (28) They said therefore to Him, What must we do, that we may work the works of **Elohim**? (29) **Yahshua** answered and said unto them, This is the **work** of **Elohim**, that you **believe on** Him Whom He hath sent.

Additional Scriptures that call for **good works**

Ephesians 2 (10) For we are His workmanship, created in the **Messiah Yahshua** for **good works**, which **Yahweh** previously prepared that we should walk in them.

Matthew 5 (14) You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. (15) Neither do *men* light a lamp, and put it under the bushel, but on the stand; and it shines unto all that are in the house. (16) Even so let your light shine before men, that they may see **your good works, and glorify your Father Who is in Heaven.**

First Timothy 6 (17) Charge them that are rich in this present world, that they be not highminded, nor have their hope set on the in uncertainty of riches, but on **Yahweh**, Who gives us richly all things to enjoy; (18) That they do good, that they be rich in **good works**, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate; (19) Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on the **Life** which is life indeed.

Second Timothy 3 (16) Every scripture **Yahweh breathed is also** profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: (17) That the man of **Yahweh** may be **complete**, furnished completely to every **good work**.

Titus 2 (7) In all things showing yourself an example of **good works**: in your doctrine *showing* uncorruption, gravity, (8) sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you. (9) *Exhort* servants to be in subjection to their own masters, *and* to be well pleasing to *them* in all *things*; not contradicting; (10) Not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of **Yahweh** our **Saviour** in all *things*. (11) For the grace of **Yahweh** has appeared bringing salvation to all men, (12) Instructing us to the intent that denying lawlessness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and holy, in this present world; (13) Looking for the blessed hope, and appearing of the glory of the **great Elohim** and our **Saviour Yahshua the Messiah**; (14) Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify to Himself a people for His own possession, zealous of **good works**.

Titus 3 (8) Faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire that you confidently to the end, that they who have believed **Yahweh** may be careful to maintain **good works**. These things are good and profitable to men. (9) But shun

foolish questioning, and genealogies, and strifes and fightings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. ... (14) And let our people also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

Remember this: A good tree must bring forth fruit that is consistent with the fruit of **Yahweh's Holy Spirit**.

Galatians 5 (22) But the **Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,** (23) **Meekness, self control:** against such there is no law.

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