

God's Promise to Flourish

Finally notice God's promise that ...

III: The _____ Shall Flourish: v14-15

God has promised that those who set their roots down in their church shall flourish and this speaks to faithfulness. And though He doesn't use the word faithfulness in this passage, it most certainly is implied.

A. the _____ of faithfulness

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age;

- "they" refers to those who are planted in the House of God. One of the reasons "they" shall flourish is because "they" bring forth fruit to the Father. John 15:2; 8

B. the _____ of faithfulness

they shall be fat and flourishing;

- ***fat*** = gives the sense of being satisfied ...

The thought is that righteous satisfaction is a great blessing and that "they" that are planted shall be satisfied and bloom.

C. the _____ of faithfulness

... to shew that the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

What does faithfulness communicate? It should communicate that the Lord is upright, that He is our Rock, and that there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Are you flourishing this morning?



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Ps. 92:12-15

God often uses flora and agriculture to illustrate a spiritual truth. And in our text this morning we find Him referencing a plant. There are four different types of "plants" in every church:

- 1) There are **Artificial Plants**. These are always found in churches. They look pretty on the outside ... but inwardly there is no real life.
- 2) There are **Outside Plants**. These are planted all around the outside of the church and while they are usually watered from the inside, they stay outside.
- 3) There are **Seasonal Plants**. These are plants such as Poinsettias and Easter Lilies that find their way into church on "special days" but then they disappear quickly thereafter.
- 4) and then our text describes for us this morning the **Flourishing Plant**. These are plants that bloom and are beautiful and are productive in the House of God. This morning we'll examine God's promise to flourish.

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First, we find God's promise that ...

I: The _____ Shall Flourish: v12

If a person is to flourish, then God must first find that person to be righteous.

A. the _____ of Righteousness

God has designed that righteousness is not achieved but rather it is received from God upon salvation.

Gen. 15:1-6 / Romans 4:7-8.

B. The _____ of Righteousness:

Ps. 92:1-4

The testimony of the righteous is that they not only sing serious praises to God for His lovingkindness and faithfulness, and not only are thankful and made glad that God is working in their life, but they shall flourish by growing fast, straight, and strong.

What's your testimony this morning? Do have the testimony of being a strong, straight Christian? A Christian who doesn't veer to the left or to the right but simply sticks with Jesus and applying His Word to your life? Have you received His righteous by believing on Jesus alone for you salvation or are you trying to achieve your righteousness?

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Next we find God promise that ...

II: The _____ Shall Flourish: v13

While the context of this passage isn't specific to the local Church, it most certainly applies to us in the church age. The House of the Lord in the Old Testament was the Tabernacle or Temple. According to 1 Timothy 3:15, it is now the local church.

A. the _____ of being planted

The nature of being planted is to take something, whether a be a seed, seedling, or even something that is further along in it's maturity, and putting it somewhere that it will be nourished and grow; to be rooted and not die but rather grow strong, straight and healthy.

B. the _____ to be planted

Those who will flourish spiritually are not those who are casual in their church attendance, or their Bible study and prayer, or in their relationship with the Lord. But rather, if they are to flourish, to bloom, to bud, they need to be rooted in the house of the Lord.

God wants us to set our roots in a good church! He wants us to ask Him where He wants us to attend and then stay there. Be faithful to the work regardless of what might come up so long as Scripture and doctrine isn't violated ... because a lot of times, when things do come up, God wants to use that difficulty to grow you.
