

"The Palm And The Christian." Ps. 92:12
(SERMON NUMBER THREE)

1-The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: He shall grow like the cedars of Lebanon. Isaiah 44:4;

And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses. Hosea 14:4;

I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

2-The Palm is a very useful tree; it has been said that the palm-tree has not less than 360 uses.

1-Its shadow shelters and protects from the burning sun.

2-Its fruit refreshes the weary traveller- Camels eat the seed of the fruit.

3-It points out the place of water.

1-John 4:14;

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

3-As the palm is a very useful tree-so Christians are most useful people on earth.
Acts 4:36-37;

And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, (37) Having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles feet.

1-The poor in this world are often the "rich in faith,"

2-The property of Barnabas might have kept him from serving Christ, or, at least, made him only such a weak and timid disciple as rich Nicodemus and rich Joseph of Arimathea. Barnabas' missionary work with Paul.

John 7:50
19:37
John 19:38

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4-Lydia an example of usefulness:

Acts 16:14-15.

- 1-She was a seller of purple of the city of Thyatira.
- 2-She was a worshipper of God.
- 3-She heard Paul preach, believed his message and obeyed the gospel.
- 4-After she was baptized:

If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and abide there. And she constrained us.

5-Dorcas and example of usefulness:

Acts 9:36-43;

- 1-Dorcas was full of good works and alms-deeds which she did.
- 2-Acts 9:37;

And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: Whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

- 3-They sent for Peter and when he came;

- 1-All the widows stood by him weeping.
- 2-They showed Peter the coats and garment which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

6-There are others, such as Philip, who on the King's highway showed the way to heaven when he preached to the Ethiopian eunuch. Acts 8:26-40.

7-We may not be a Paul, or an Apollos, or a Peter, or a John, or a Philip, lacking qualifications for such eminence, but we may emulate their example and be channels of blessing and comfort to the world.