

Greetings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome as we learn the good news about the life of our souls.

God's Word tells us...

*2 Kings 19:30*

"And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward." (ESV)

Do you understand what this verse means? It speaks about the flourishing of the house of Judah—which is us, the Church.

But this flourishing doesn't happen by chance, with fruit suddenly appearing on the branches above. The principle is that the roots must also grow deep down.

A tree cannot bear fruit if it has no roots. Ask yourself: do you have strong spiritual roots that enable you to produce fruit that pleases the Lord?

Remember, the depth of your salvation reflects the strength of

your roots—the roots that will sustain the fruitfulness of your life.

Leaves don't require deep roots because they don't produce fruit.

If you find you can't dive deep into salvation, if you aren't serious about your spiritual life, then know this: you won't produce any fruit for your God.

In the parable of the sower, the Lord Jesus explained what made the fourth seed thrive and bear fruit. He said it bore fruit by persevering. (Luke 8:15)

Persevering in what?

Persevering through the first three stages. It means making sure the enemy does not steal the seed planted in your heart, enduring trials and hardships that try to choke the Word planted within, avoiding worldly pleasures, and not allowing the troubles of this life to keep you from bearing fruit. That's what perseverance looks like.

This is a person who is serious about the salvation they have

received.

The question to ask yourself is: do we bear that fruit? Remember, fruit does not come by simply wishing or waiting—it comes from the depth of our roots that have the power to reach the deepest sources of nourishment that sustain fruitfulness.

That's why the Bible says:

*Psalm 1:1-3*

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

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." (ESV)

Start now to work on your roots until those rivers of living water flow surely within you.

Don't neglect prayer, fasting, worship, evangelism, and reading God's Word.

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May the Lord bless you.

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