

A Big Hug For The Green Tree

- 1) As one views God's created wonders, two things seem to refresh the most
The many flowers
The many trees
The flowers were pictures of Christ
Lily of the Valley
Rose of Sharon
- 2) When it comes to the trees, no certain one in particular pictures Christ
- 3) We would not like our earth to be without either
flowers or trees
- 4) Jesus referred to Himself on one Occasion as being
A Green Tree
- 5) The tree year ministry of Jesus is coming to a close
Being led away to be crucified
- 6) Jesus begins journey from palace of Pilate to Calvary Hill
- 7) He was forced to carry His own cross at the start
There is a cross to carry to follow Jesus
There is a cross to carry if you don't follow Jesus
- 8) Jesus wanted that message to get across to people
He was being made to carry their Cross
Time coming they may be made to carry His Cross
- 9) The cross Christian must carry for Christ's sake is a joy compared to cross
one must carry who rejects Christ
- 10) A large multitude of people gathered to watch Jesus travel from the palace
to Calvary hill
Luke 23:26-32
- 11) Note carefully what Jesus said to a group of women who were weeping
for Him in sympathy
- 12) Their weeping caused Jesus to pit the people & Jerusalem for 2nd time
Already He had wept over the city before for the same reason)
Luke 19:41-44
- 13) God does not wish to see people suffer the consequences of sin
Chief sin here—rejection of Christ as Lord and Saviour
- 14) Jesus probably stopped—turned to the women and told them to stop
weeping for Him but begin weeping for themselves and their children

A terrible calamity is coming upon you for what you do with me this day
You are dooming yourselves by rejecting Me

- 15) You stand in grave danger—get alarmed and repent before its too late
- 16) Once the doom bursts forth,
it would mean destruction of Jerusalem
It would mean destruction eternally
- 17) Sorrows & horrors would be so bad & sad,
women wish never had children
.....see them suffer
.....slow their escape down
This all happened in the Jewish-Roman war in 70 A.D.
- 18) Then Jesus tells a parable common to people of His day
The wood that a wise man cuts down and uses for fire wood is dry & dead
It is stupid to cut down a perfectly good tree when fields full of dry dead ones
- 19) It's the dry tree, not green ones, that deserve the ax
- 20) If man going to clear his field of rot and blight, he clears away the ugly-not beauty
- 21) Now Jews were going against their own nature—way they acted
- 22) The trouble with Jerusalem was full of dry trees—lifeless persons
decayed by sin—fit for destruction
- 23) To clean up the city—they decided to kill only green trees
- 24) The only tree that brought them
healing-love-wisdom-blessing-miracles-hope-joy-forgiveness
- 25) If there was ever a tree to keep in your back yard—be this green tree
- 26) Wherever this tree is planted, it turns it into a garden of delight
- 27) There are three instances of this tree symbolic of Christ being planted
Genesis 2:8-10 Genesis 3:22-24
Here green tree is given the title “TREE OF LIFE”
- 28) The unusual virtue about Christ,
He is the Life-Giver
- 29) Only tree in Garden that gave life to soul & spirit
- 30) So long as man continued to daily eat, death couldn't set in
Body life not dependent upon food for existence
but upon health of soul & spirit
- 40) If life of soul & spirit is lost, the body dies regardless of foods it eats
- 41) People say today our foods are killing us, we are eating ourselves into the grave
Not fully true—it is sin that is killing us, soul & spirit of sinner who has no access to tree of Life
- 42) God did not remove Tree of Life from earth, just barred man's access to it

43) The green tree was not destroyed—but left to speak of a future hope to be given
But for sinful man—the Tree of Life was out of his reach

44) It's Christ the Green Tree of Life that departs Divine Life into man
Life of holy habitscharacter works

The cleansing waters of Paradise was not enough to provide man paradise life
Removing some of sin's blight won't do the job

45) Sinful stain goes deeper than the surface acts

2 appearance of the Green Tree

46) The seed was planted in a Bethlehem manger **Luke 2:52**

47) God now makes the Tree of Life accessible to man again—no longer barred

48) In Garden of Eden, God removed the Tree of Life from man's reach
In the Garden of Gethsemane God announces way opened up again to the tree

49) We are told in **John 19:41** the Tree of Life was placed in the Garden the 2nd time

50) The Green Tree placed on a dead tree (Cross) and a garden results
The lost person is the dead tree—which is made alive by the
Green Tree in God's Garden
The Green Tree was placed on this earth to resurrect the dead tree

51) But to do so, they have to be united together
A body—a union—a oneness must be agreed upon
One must allow itself to be attached to another
The Cross claimed Jesus and Jesus claimed the Cross

52) Today Jesus, the Green Tree, offers to give Life to any dead tree and make
a garden spot of his life

53) The Jews want to put the Tree out of man's reach and time

54) Oh, they cut it down—subjected it to life of dead tree (fire of judgment)
But it was resurrected to live again

55) One further word about 2nd appearance of the Tree of Life
A stream of water accompanied it in the garden for daily cleansing purposes
John 19:34 & Zechariah 13:1

56) The final Tree of Life is an everlasting scene **Revelation 22:1-3**

57) This tree is in the garden of heaven, pure water reminds us the curse of sin is
forever cleansed away

58) There may be 12 trees—each one with a different fruit
or one tree with 12 kinds of fruit

59) The Tree of Life offers the saved trees 9 fruits in this life—12 in the next

60) Truly—because Christ is the Green Tree,
doomed and dead man has a chance to be green & living again

61) The Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden was barred from the sinner
Tree of Life in Heaven barred from a sinner

Revelation 22:14-15

But Tree of Life in Garden of Calvary
is available to lost man

Let's return to our opening text:

Christ warns that there are grave consequences to rejecting the Green Tree

62) Only one fit use for dead trees, to be cut down and burned in destruction

63) If the Father did not spare the Green Tree (Him) to save the Dead Trees
Father sure not going to save the dead trees that refuse to be save & given Life

64) The generation of Jews were good for nothing to God—barren trees

65) One who you use to bring down Green Tree (Romans) will be used to bring
down the dead trees (Jews)

66) The thing that sent Jesus to Cross—sin
And it's sin that will send a man to hell

67) All who refuse union with Christ, Green Tree, better start rehearsing their weeping

68) Those who slight His love, reject His grace, will have plenty to weep about

69) The dead tree is noticeable due to its
lack of delight in the law of God
lack of fruit (holy)
absence of cleansing from river

Psalm 1:2-3

70) Hug the Green Tree—it's your insurance policy against eternal weeping