"BLESSED IS THAT MAN" HE SHALL BE LIKE" PSALMS 1:3.

1-Among the great works in which King Solomon exercised his wisdom and displayed his

magnificence were: 1-Gardens rich in fruit trees and watered by

channels and reservoirs, Eccles. 2:5-6. 2-Among these would be: 3-Citrons and oranges, with their lustrous

green leaves and golden fruit. 4-The similitude he makes choice of is that

of a tree: 1-An evergreen, fruit-bearing tree is here the bright image of the prosperous soul.

2-It is not every tree, but one which hath these eminences.

1-It is planted, it grows not of itself, neither is it wild. James 1:18; Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should

be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. 2-It is planted by the waters, it wants no moisture to fructify. 3-It draws life and

freshness from an unfailing source, and is fructiferous in its season. Jno. 4:14,7:37-39 Matt. 5:6. Ezekiel 47:1-5 3-It is always green, winter and summer; the

leaves wither not. Clearly, whatsoever this good man doth, "it shall prosper." 3-Some live that make a fair show are like trees

whose roots run near the surface -- the storm uproots them. The soul rooted in Christ, (Col.2:7) is as the pine, sending down so strong a tap-root that the avalanche may break the trunk, but cannot uproot it. Col. 2:7; Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. (The tree may shake in its topmost branches, but its roots are firm because they grasp the solid earth. 1-2he helieves must be furnly rooted in christ

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- 1-Jeremiah 17:5-8; Contrasts the desert shrub and the flourishing tree by the waters.
 - 1-The desert shrub exemplifies the curse of worldly confidence.

2-The character of worldly confidence:

- 3-Trust in man. ----(There is a trust in man that is natural and right)
- 4-When trust in man is wrong:

1-When the highest trust is in man.

2-When man takes the place of God.

3-When the power of the prince,
The skill of the physician,
The astuteness of the lawyer are thought
to be sufficient to secure us against the
greatest dangers.

- 5-It is then that we rely on the arm of flesh 1-Our trust turns to the flesh rather than the spirit.
 - 2-To worldly influences rather to principle of truth.
 - 3-To the man who will perish rather than to the God who is eternal.
- 2-THE SHRUB::::::l-Dwarfed and stunted in growth...2-A miserable shrub of the desert.
 Not even benefited by blessings received:
 - 3-The breath of spring, which brings fresh bloom and growth to other plants, passes over it with no more fruitful effects than the chilly blasts of autumn produce.

The flourishing tree exemplifies the blessednes of trust in God. (The character of trust in God) 1-It is intelligent.2-It is whole hearted.
3-It is hopeful.4-A full and flourishing life.
5-Nurished and refreshed..6-Secured against

trouble..7-Perpetual fruitfulness.

1-A prosperity that fears no change; 3-John 2.

2-A glory that fades not away; 1-Pet.1; 4; 5:4.

3-A labor that cannot be lost; 1-Cor.15:58.

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