

## Psalm 92 & Psalm 71

*Psalm 92:12 The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree, he will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. <sup>13</sup> Planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. <sup>14</sup> They will still yield fruit in old age; they shall be full of sap and very green, <sup>15</sup> to declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.*

*Psalm 71:14 But as for me, I will hope continually, and will praise You yet more and more. <sup>15</sup> My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness and of Your salvation all day long; for I do not know the sum of them. <sup>16</sup> I will come with the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of Your righteousness, Yours alone. <sup>17</sup> O God, You have taught me from my youth, and I still declare Your wondrous deeds. <sup>18</sup> And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to all who are to come.*

In these two passages, God promises vitality and fruitfulness for every senior citizen who follows Him. This is a welcome word to those of us who live in a culture that prizes youth and disparages old age. It is also a challenging word to those of us who may be tempted to believe the lie that this stage of life is good for nothing but selfish leisure.

Let's look first at the good news in Psalm 92 for all seniors who belong to God. "The righteous man" in verse 12 does not refer only to holy super-saints; it refers to anyone who God has declared to be in right standing with Him (or "justified") through faith in Jesus Christ (see Galatians 2:16).

- Palm trees flourish because they grow near to water. Likewise, the cedars of Lebanon (like our redwoods) grew tall because they received abundant moisture from the Mediterranean Sea. What a beautiful picture of the spiritual vitality and stature that can



characterize our lives because we are connected to Jesus Christ, the Source of living water (see John 7:37-39)!

- Whatever diminished capacities or infirmities we may experience, we have the most important asset: We have been “planted in the house of the Lord . . . (so we can) flourish in the courts of our God.” We have personal access to God. We are indwelt by God’s Spirit, Who alone imparts spiritual hope and peace and joy regardless of our age or physical health (see Romans 15:13).
- “They will still yield fruit in old age; they shall be full of sap and very green.” This yet another picture of vitality and productivity – specifically promised to those of us who are “in old age!” Like Paul, we can say: “Though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day” (2 Corinthians 4:16). We can count on a daily fresh supply of God’s empowerment to serve Him.

Now let’s look at the challenge (and privilege!) of serving God in our old age. Both Psalm 71 and 92 have something to say about this subject.

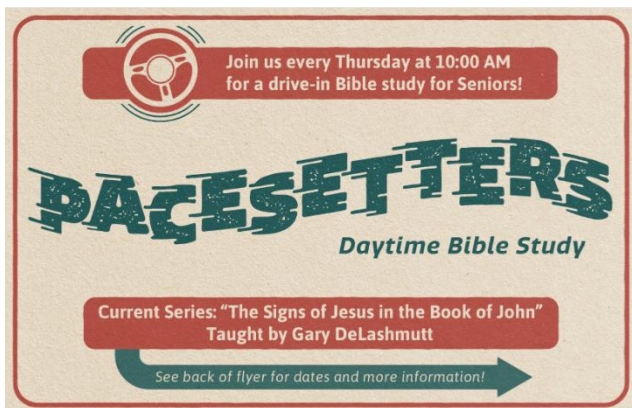
- We can praise Him more and more as we keep learning more and more about His salvation (71:14,15). For as long as we live in this world, we can continue to grow in our understanding and appreciation of what God has given us through Jesus. Here indeed are “the unfathomable riches in Christ” (Ephesians 3:8)! Even in eternity, we will never fully plumb the depths of God’s kindness (see Ephesians 2:7). But we can keep increasing in our praise to God in this life, which pleases Him, and fulfills us, and attracts others to Him!
- We can declare God’s excellence to others, including those who are much younger than us (92:15; 71:17,18). Older Christians often mistakenly think they have nothing spiritually important to offer younger people, or that younger people will not want to receive anything we do offer. But the longer you have walked with God, the more you have experienced His wisdom and His



goodness. And what could be more important and helpful for anyone, regardless of their age, who loves God? I remember as a young Christian (in my late teens) how much I looked up to the Christians who had been walking with God for many years. What they communicated through their examples and words inspired me with hope that I could become more godly if I just hung in there. Their obvious love for God inspired me that my relationship with Him need never grow stale or cold. Their confidence in God's faithfulness through many adversities and failures assured me that I could count on the same God as I walked into an unknown future. The most precious treasure we have to offer others is our personal testimony that "God is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him" (72:15). And we can all offer this treasure to others right up to the moment when we go to be with God!

*Thank You, Lord Jesus, for the exciting vision You give us for this final stage of our lives! Thank You that we are righteous in Your sight through our simple faith in Your death for our sins. Thank You that You promise to keep renewing us spiritually even as we weaken physically. Thank You for giving us a testimony about Your goodness that will be helpful to many other people. Help us **this day**, Lord, to praise You for these promises, and to serve You with a glad heart wherever You have placed us.*

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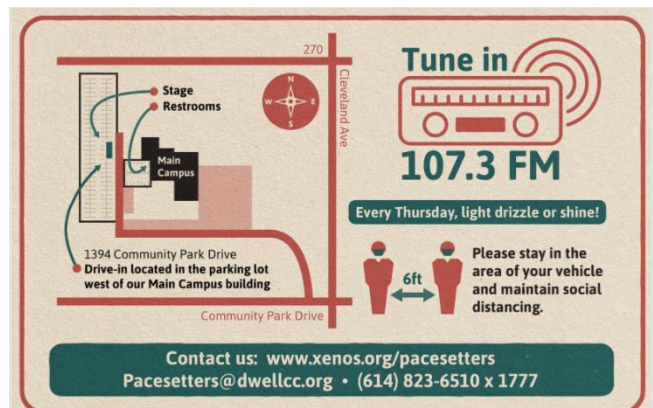


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