

Flourishing in His Courts Sunday 03-17-2019 Handout

Psalms 92:12-14 (NKJV) The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. {13} Those who are planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God. {14} They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,

There is Blessing, Flourishing, and New Life wherever God Is

I Nearness to God starts with Desire

- **Psalms 84:1-4 (NKJV)** How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! {2} My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. {3} Even the sparrow has found a home, And the swallow a nest for herself, Where she may lay her young; Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, My King and my God. {4} Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah
- **Psalms 84:9-12 (NKJV)** O God, behold our shield, And look upon the face of Your anointed. {10} For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness. {11} For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. {12} O LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

II Near to God through fellowship with the saints

- **Hebrews 10:24-25 (NKJV)** And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, {25} not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

III Near to God through worship

- **Psalms 22:3 (NKJV)** But You are holy, Who inhabit the praises of Israel.

VI Walking with the Godly

- **Psalms 1:1-3 (NKJV)** Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; {2} But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. {3} He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

V Be where God is and experience His blessings

- **Psalms 37:3-4 (NKJV)** Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. {4} Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.
- **Psalms 91:1-4 (NKJV)** He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. {2} I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." {3} Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. {4} He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

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VI Be where You are reminded of God's Promises

- **Psalms 103:1-5 (NKJV)** Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! {2} Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: {3} Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, {4} Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, {5} Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- pardon, healing, redemption, God's favor & compassion, fulfills our desires with good things in order to renew us

VII Be where Jesus Christ is lifted up

- **Philippians 4:8 (NKJV)** Finally, brethren,
 - whatever things are true,
 - whatever things are noble,
 - whatever things are just,
 - whatever things are pure,
 - whatever things are lovely,
 - whatever things are of good report,
 - if there is any virtue
 - and if there is anything praiseworthy;
 - meditate on these things.
- **JESUS is All this and more**

- **John 14:1-3 (NKJV)** "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. {2} "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. {3} "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.