



The Mysteries of Trees – Cedar Tree 2

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Mark 8:22–26 (KJV 1900)

²² And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. ²³ And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. ²⁴ And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. ²⁵ After that he put *his* hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly. ²⁶ And he sent him away to his house, saying, **Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.**

Our study first started from the healed blind man who saw men as trees, walking in Mark 8:22-26. We have studied many of the tree “parts” and learned their symbolic representations in Scripture. In the upcoming weeks, we are going to study some different types of spiritual lives, represented by different trees in Scripture. As we mature as Christians, we find ourselves fitting into a very specific place in a very specific way in the Kingdom of God, and we learn about the spiritual lives of others that surround us in our Church led by Christ with each of us having a “path” to walk upon. As we learn to walk expertly as trees walking with Christ, we are developed by the Lord to our full potential. We give up more and more of ourselves and get out of the way of the Holy Spirit as He creates the living works. Knowing our places spiritually walking in the Kingdom of God is an exciting step that grounds us and encourages us to improve our walking even more! Looking forward to the next walking journey with you!

Up to this point, our Scripture text has identified the different parts of a tree specifically. Most references to the different parts came right from our Lord Jesus Christ’s teachings. Now that we are moving to specific trees, it will become more difficult to find specific explanations. It is important that mature Christians, interpret conservatively, analyze correctly, and consider reliability when trying to understand the next studies. I will always be honest with you and tell you how likely or troublesome the interpretation is. As mature Christians, you get to figure the weight of Truth for yourselves. But I promise you that everything I teach, I am convinced upon 100% because of my advanced studies, and the Holy Spirit inside me that confirms it to me. I pray that as you study with me, you have that amount of surety also.

From this point on in our studies together, I will add to the chart below, as we study the different trees. I will support all my teachings with the evidence I have to confirm the meaning. Even then, some are lacking in enough firm evidence to confidently declare that as Truth of God. Please refer to this chart each time you study, so you can understand the degree of my certainty in the deep and hidden meanings of the different trees.

Typology Known as fully God's Truth

Trees in Scripture identify the different Spiritual Lives that are lived on this Earth

Righteous Cedar Tree – The Spiritual Life that is beautiful, politically, and socially powerful, more spiritual growth than all the other trees, many protected followers. Can be goodly and righteous; but risks becoming a tyrant with a very thin line dividing righteousness from wickedness. They must have the shittah, myrtle, and oil trees surrounding them so they can see, know, consider, and understand, to maintain their righteous state.

Unrighteous Cedar Tree – The Spiritual Life of a tyrant. He lifts himself in height, he shoots up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart lifts in his height. He is all-powerful but wicked, with no Christian support surrounding him.

Typology Known Confidently

Almond Tree – The Spiritual Life of an almond tree is the greatest spiritual role a believer can have on this earth. The believer, as an almond tree, is a Christian leader, chosen by God, that watches over the works of Christians guided by the Lord, and the people he serves. He ensures the very best spiritual works of the Lord are accomplished and lets the lights of the Lord Jesus Christ shine the brightest.

Almug/Algum Tree – A Spiritual Life level that honors the LORD God and guides Believers to come closer to Him toward the beauty of His Holiness through the Lord Jesus Christ. Musical worship and high praise are often expressed through these types of Believers.

Apple Tree – A Spiritual Life that can comfort those that love God, regardless of their status of sin. These Spiritual Life Christians provide protection, sweetness of life; they are beloved amongst the receivers. (Believers from the Salvation Army, and other denominational efforts to house the homeless, feed the hungry, and provide comfort in despair are excellent examples of this type of spiritual lives lived in duty toward their works for God.)

Ash Tree – A Spiritual Life with a deceived heart, that stands amid the Christians and worships false gods created by humans.

Typology Known Probably

Bay Tree – Native spiritual life that develops naturally.

Fake Bay Tree – Evil spiritual life forced upon believers through powerful coercion, trickery, or control.

Box Tree - Spiritual life that stands in the midst of dryness. The location the Box Tree stands is empty of both worldly people and the flowing grace of the LORD God. Here stands the lonely Christian as a beacon for the uncommon seeker of God. Eventually, the Box Tree is combined with the other beautiful spiritual life souls that serve in the world and in the dry places and perform, coming together in the Sanctuary of the Lord. A possible identity of a Box Tree is a missionary that serves in extreme conditions with few common people, the lack of Christian presence and the lack of the movements of God.

Typology Known Not

Teachings by Kathy L McFarland

Did any of you grow angry over Lucifer planting his cedar tree right next to the great waters of the LORD God, and sucking that grace given for God's people into his big tree to become bigger and better than all others? I think that sometimes the devil is just an afterthought. But this creep did everything possible to make himself more powerful than our Lord, to include drinking those waters in God's Garden. It reminds me of the anger I felt when I realized that the LORD God allowed the Lucifer to go to and from Heaven at will, and to trick those angels. What nerve Lucifer had! Thankfully I know the rest of the story, and our side wins! Thanks be to God!

I have never taught a cedar tree the things of God that I am aware. I have taught a few almost powerful Christians, such as high-ranking military officers and some politicians, the deeper things of God, but it seldom happens.¹ None have reached the height of cedar tree. Cedar tree spiritual life defines a politically and spiritually (righteous or wicked) strong person whose height is far-beyond regular people. They are the political superstars with religious overtones throughout their persona. They can start their growth as righteous; but usually, they end up wicked. When one man assumes that great of power, then the spiritual side with the LORD God and the Lord Jesus Christ and their Holy Spirit is denied eventually. To gain such great power over people requires astute political manipulative control over people; most often, that powerful of a man or woman realizes the need for "God to be on their side," whether it be for war or rule. So just as Lucifer dipped his roots into the biggest "flowing grace of God" river so do those that want to be ultimate ruler. It means nothing if their soul is measured. But it means everything to trick the masses and gain the power necessary to rule the world.

This next part of our study of the cedar tree is going to be focused on the righteous spiritual life of true followers of Christ before and after it goes bad.

¹ The late Billy Graham was a preacher to Presidents. He seemed to stick to the same message he taught the masses. "The Bible says..." was an often-repeated line. He is the only possible Christian cedar tree instructor I know.

Numbers 24:6 (KJV 1900)

*⁶ As the valleys are they spread forth,
As gardens by the river's side,
As the trees of lign aloes which the LORD hath planted,
And as cedar trees beside the waters.*

1. Some cedar trees are planted by the LORD God beside His waters

2 Samuel 5:10–12 (KJV 1900)

¹⁰ And David went on, and grew great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him. ¹¹ And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house. ¹² And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

2. The cedar tree house built for David by Hiram, King of Tyre, gave him perception that the LORD God had established him king over Israel.

1 Kings 7:1–2 (KJV 1900)

But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house. ² He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.

3. Solomon built his house out of cedar when he became King.

1 Kings 9:10–11 (KJV 1900)

¹⁰ And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house, ¹¹ (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

4. King Hiram of Tyre furnished Solomon with cedar trees, fir trees, and gold to build the House of the LORD God, and King Solomon's house.
5. King Solomon felt it was such a rich gift, that he gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

Song of Solomon 5:15 (KJV 1900)

*¹⁵ His legs are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold:
His countenance is as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.*

6. Excellent countenance is associated with cedars.
7. The Hebrew to “excellent countenance” can mean appearing magnificent to those that look, or it can mean an imposing connection that is looked upon with awe and wonder, possibly through the supernatural revelation from God. A deeper word study would need to be conducted, with

the examination of the Solomon use compared to other uses to maybe connect closer. We will see if our study identifies it any better without confusing word studies.²

Zechariah 11:1–3 (KJV 1900)

Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars.

² *Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled:*

Howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down.

³ *There is a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled:*

A voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.

8. Lebanon cedar trees are tyrants that are destroyed, which brings howling by the fir tree of Lebanon and oaks of Bashan and the young lions of Jordan.
9. The cedar trees of Lebanon are mighty. They are devoured by a fire after being destroyed (spoiled).
 - a. **Fallen - 5877** נָפַל (*nā·pāl*): v.; ≡ Str 5307; TWOT 1392—1. LN 15.118–15.122 (qal) **fall**, i.e., have an object go from a higher position to a lower position, often with the implication of being out of control in relation to the situation³
 - b. **Spoiled - 8720** שָׁדַד (*šā·dād*): v.; ≡ Str 7703, 7736; TWOT 2331—LN 20.31–20.60 (qal) **devastate**, ruin, i.e., destroy an object or condition in any of various ways (Job 12:6; 15:21; Ps 17:9; 91:6; Pr 11:3; Isa 16:4; 21:2; 33:1ac; Jer 6:26; 12:12; 15:8; 25:36; 47:4; 48:8, 18, 32; 49:28; 51:48, 53, 55, 56; Eze 32:12; Hos 10:14b; Ob 5; Mic 2:4a+), note: in some contexts the destruction includes looting and plundering⁴
 - c. **Howl - 3536** לָלַי (*yā·lāl*): v.; ≡ Str 3213; TWOT 868—LN 25.135–25.145 (hif) **wail**, howl, i.e., make loud crying and shrill shouting noises of sorrow⁵

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Remember this important observation as you study: the LORD God appoints the powerful leaders of the world or allows them to achieve fame and power as His Will chooses. As you will learn in our study, He already knows the consequences of humans embracing the cedar tree in their spirituality. Yet, to advance His plans, He chooses the best leadership each situation demands to have the outcome He wills. Yet most of the cedar trees embrace Lucifers power in the end. This is not the

² James Swanson, [Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains : Hebrew \(Old Testament\)](#) (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1997), 5260, 5261.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid

- f. **High - 1468** גָּבַהַּ (*gā·bē^{ah}*): adj.; ≡ Str 1362, 1364;— **2.** LN 81.3–81.11 **high**, towered, i.e., pertaining to being in an elevated spatial position or dimension (Eze 31:3+), note: see also 1469¹¹
- g. **Eminent - 9435** תָּלִיל (tā·lûl): adj.; ≡ Str 8524; TWOT 2513—LN 81.3–81.11 **lofty**, towering, high, i.e., pertaining to being relatively high or tall (Eze 17:22+), cf. also 9424¹²

11. The LORD God has control over all trees. He can bring down the high tree, exalt the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish.¹³

Isaiah 41:17–20 (KJV 1900)

*¹⁷ When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none,
And their tongue faileth for thirst,
I the LORD will hear them,
I the God of Israel will not forsake them.*

*¹⁸ I will open rivers in high places,
And fountains in the midst of the valleys:
I will make the wilderness a pool of water,
And the dry land springs of water.*

¹⁹ I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree;

I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together:

*²⁰ That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together,
That the hand of the LORD hath done this,
And the Holy One of Israel hath created it.*

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Heavy is the head that wears the crown. What can we do when we see a righteous cedar tree beginning the power journey, developing into a leader that knows the Lord? PRAY! PRAY! PRAY! for him. Pray for other strong spiritual trees to surround him and provide him with God's teachings and counsel as he tries to navigate this wicked world. Call upon the shittah, myrtle, and oil trees to guide the cedar tree in the wilderness so he can see, know, consider, and understand together with them. That is the solution that the LORD God has made to grow a righteous cedar tree to prevent him falling to the depths of wickedness with Lucifer. This is the protection of God that the cedar tree must embrace to maintain holiness. Without a strong, spiritual counsel surrounding him, he is certain to become wicked because of his awesome power and spiritual knowledge.

Let us consider End Times drama for a bit. There is going to be conflict between many that appear to be cedar trees. They are going to be powerful and appear to be very holy and righteous. The

¹¹ Ibid.

¹² Ibid.

¹³ Each of these verbs and adjectives have very specific meanings when you evaluate the words associated with trees and other deep things in God's Word. We will examine them at another time.

worst players are going to look the most righteous. But we have learned that no cedar tree can be all-powerful and all-righteous; it is impossible. When the cedar trees reach the ultimate power, even those that started out with good intentions, they usually embrace wickedness in the end. But with support, the cedar can be a righteous leader for the poor and needy.

So as the End Time timing unfolds, look at the powerful and high-reaching cedar trees from the wilderness. Do they have the shittah, myrtle, and oil trees surrounding them so they can see, know, consider, and understand? The LORD God has let us know how a cedar tree can maintain righteousness. As End Times approaches let us commit to identify the powerful, untruthful, unrighteous leaders, even if they appear on their own most holy, and take appropriate action to protect God's people. Because if they are without strong Christian support by strong Christian leaders, they are tricking those that don't know.

Worksheet

1. What are the characteristics of a righteous cedar tree?
2. What are the characteristics of a wicked cedar tree?
3. What happens to make a wicked cedar tree against God?
4. What type of trees in the wilderness does the cedar tree need to support his righteousness?
5. What can a cedar tree realize if he has the correct support?

Remember to come back to this teaching when you learn the characteristics of the other trees associated with the cedar tree!