

The Mysteries of Trees – Chesnut Tree 1

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Teachings of Kathy L McFarland

What a week I have had! I am used to the devil coming out when I am teaching important things to important people. He is ready to mess around when my students show that they are studying to come closer to God. And, as always, there has been a bit of interference though completely unsuccessful.

But for the first time in my ministry ever, I have had two charges brought against me from Followers of Jesus Christ. I want to address both charges and give my defense.

1. *“It is wrong for you to divide Christians up into the new Christians and mature Christian categories.”*

Hebrews 5:11–14 (KJV 1900)

¹¹ Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. ¹² For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. ¹³ For every one that useth milk *is* unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. ¹⁴ But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

- A. Scripture divides the unskillful that can only drink milk as a babe.
- B. Scripture divides the full age Believers who can eat strong meat and can discern good and evil in their senses.
- C. I choose to define them as “new Christians” and “mature Christians.” When I use the Scripture word of “babe” it causes confusion and hurts some Believers feelings.

Hebrews 6:1–3 (KJV 1900)

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, ² Of

the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. ³ And this will we do, if God permit.

- A. I teach new Christians the things that are listed in Hebrews 6:1-3 in my Foundation of Jesus Christ workbook. That includes the Doctrine of Christ which is about sin (dead works), faith in God, Baptism of Christ, Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Resurrection (both Christ's and theirs one day) and Eternal Judgment.
- B. Then I leave the principles of the doctrine of Christ and begin teaching mature Christian's things and mysteries of God to perfect their faith.
- C. I am one of just a few Bible Teachers that I know that has Bible Study programs for mature Christians. It seems to me that many teachers today teach the Doctrine of Christ over and over and over, with a great emphasis on self-improvement and personal growth.
- D. I believe these teachings should be very popular with mature Christians because it moves on to teach the things the Holy Spirit wants them to know, so they can have perfect faith.
- E. I am very, very humbled and honored to be one of the chosen Bible Teachers for mature Christians to experience these teachings by the Holy Spirit.

2. *"I have never seen teachings about trees and the different Holy Spirits. Your teachings can't be right."*

Isaiah 28:9–10 (KJV 1900)¹

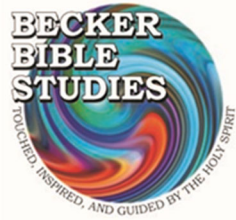
- ⁹ Whom shall he teach knowledge?
And whom shall he make to understand doctrine?
*Them that are weaned from the milk,
And drawn from the breasts.*
- ¹⁰ For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept;
Line upon line, line upon line;
Here a little, *and* there a little:

- A. Though this verse goes on to talk about how people might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken, it also confirms how to add to knowledge of God through teaching.
- B. If it is a Godly, righteous Bible teacher, knowledge will be gained. If not, the students will be broken.
- C. Remember when I started teaching you all how I put on the checklist for false teacher and false prophet so you would have them at hand? Those are critical to refer to in these End Days.²

¹ Psalm 119 talks a great deal about learning God's Word through His precepts.

² I will attach those to this lesson for your reference.

- D. I use Scripture reference on every teaching I do. The Word of God verifies everything I write. If I am off, I pray that someone inform me immediately. I try to be perfect in my teachings. Please love me enough that if something disagrees with Scripture, you will tell me quickly so I can correct or explain it. My relationship with teaching the Bible through the Holy Spirit has been practiced for almost 30 years, and I have many safeguards to prevent mistakes. Yet, I am human, and it is possible. But you will never see me find a mistake and leave it unchanged. I am dedicated to teaching the Scriptures without error!
- E. That is exactly how I teach mature Christians. I hope this has helped. Let us move on to our study of the Chestnut Tree.



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

Chesnut Tree is not necessarily a beautiful spiritual life but serves a distinctive purpose in the spiritual world. (Uncertain of typology)

Genesis 30:37–39 (KJV 1900)

³⁷ And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chesnut tree; and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods. ³⁸ And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink. ³⁹ And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted.

1. Green poplar, hazel, and chesnut trees can all be made into rods.

Rods - 5234 לָקֶמֶחַ (*māq·qēl*): n.masc. and fem.; ≡ Str 4731; TWOT 1236—**1.** LN 3.47–3.59 **branch**, twig-stick, i.e., a part of a plant that extends from the body of a plant or tree, which can be removed from the tree (Ge 30:37,38, 39, 41; 1Sa 17:43; Jer 1:11; Hos 4:12+); **2.** LN 6.29–6.40 **wood club**, i.e., a stout piece of wood used as a weapon (Eze 39:9+); **3.** LN 6.215–6.225 **staff**, i.e., a long stick carried in the hand for various functions, including a walking helper, or shepherds tool, or symbol of rulership (Ge 32:11[EB 10]; Ex 12:11; Nu 22:27; 1Sa 17:40; Jer 48:17; Zec 11:7, 10, 14+)³

2. The rod is a branch off a tree which can be removed from the tree without killing it

³ James Swanson, [Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains : Hebrew \(Old Testament\)](#) (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1997).

3. The rod can be made into a long stick carried in the hand for walking, shepherds' tool, or symbol of rulership.
4. But Jacob had another use for three rods. He pilled white strakes in the rods, showing the white inside them.

Pilled - 7202 לָצַף (*pā·šāl*): v.; ≡ Str 6478; TWOT 1797—LN 19.27–19.33 (piel) **debark**, i.e., peel bark off a plant or tree, i.e., tear a layer off something (Ge 30:37, 38+)

הָלָצַף (*pēšā·lā(h)*) BDB: see 7203

Strakes - 7203 תִּלְצָף (*pēšā·lōt*): n.fem.pl.; ≡ Str 6479; TWOT 1797a—LN 3.47–3.59 **peelings**, i.e., a thin outer layer of organic material taken off plants or fruits of plants (Ge 30:37+), note: in context a “white stripe” pattern was possibly made from these peelings⁴

5. When the bark was peeled from the green poplar, hazel, and chesnut trees, white stripes appeared on each of the rods.
6. Jacob placed the white striped rods into the gutters of the watering trough. The pure white cattle, goats and sheep that drank from that trough conceived before the rods.
7. They conceived ringstraked, speckled, and spotted sheep.

Ringstraked - 6819 תִּקַּץ (*‘ā·qōd*): adj.; ≡ Str 6124; TWOT 1678a—1. LN 79.26–79.38 (BDB, most versions) **streaked**, striped, i.e., pertaining to an alternating color pattern of stripes or less distinct linear discolorations (Ge 30:35, 39, 40; 31:8,10, 12+); note: (NKJV) speckled; note: for another interp, see next; 2. LN 79.88–79.90 (KB, Holladay) **curly**, i.e., pertaining to having a curly, crooked appearing tail on an animal, as a distinguishing mark, as a feature of an object (Ge 30:35, 39, 40; 31:8,10, 12+), note: context favors the meaning as a color pattern of some kind, see prior entry⁵

Speckled - 5923 תִּקַּץ (*nā·qōd*): adj.; ≡ Str 5348; TWOT 1410a—LN 79.26–79.38 **speckled**, spotted, i.e., pertaining to a variegated color pattern on an animal, either specks or spots of dark on light or vice versa (Ge 30:32,33, 35, 39; 31:8,10, 12+)⁶

⁴ James Swanson, [*Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains : Hebrew \(Old Testament\)*](#) (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1997).

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Spotted - 3229 נָלַח (*fā·lā(')*): v.; ≡ Str 2921; TWOT 805—LN 79.114–79.117 (qal pass. as a) see 3231.5; (pual) **be patched**, i.e., pertaining to being covered over with another newer piece of material (Jos 9:5+)⁷

8. No Theologist or Bible teacher fully understands why this happens; it is an unknown process. But what we know for sure is that Jacob increased his flock greatly by taking the different distinctly colored goats and sheep rather than the pure white ones.

Ezekiel 31:1–11 (KJV 1900)

And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third *month*, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ² Son of man, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Whom art thou like in thy greatness? ³ Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of an high stature; and his top was among the thick boughs. ⁴ The waters made him great, the deep set him up on high with her rivers running round about his plants, and sent out her little rivers unto all the trees of the field. ⁵ Therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the multitude of waters, when he shot forth. ⁶ All the fowls of heaven made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations. ⁷ Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches: for his root was by great waters. ⁸ The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the **chesnut trees were not like his branches**; nor any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his **beauty**. ⁹ I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that *were* in the garden of God, envied him.

¹⁰ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast lifted up thyself in height, and he hath shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height; ¹¹ I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the heathen; he shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedness.

9. Chesnut trees do not have beautiful branches.

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Oh, how I wish I could teach you more. The typology of the chesnut tree is vague, and I do not have total confidence in its deeper meaning. My educated guess is that the chesnut tree is not necessarily a beautiful spiritual life but serves a distinctive purpose in the spiritual world. I will go with that for now, and place it in the “**Typology Known Not.**” It will be one of those deeper meanings that I hope one day to know.

⁷ James Swanson, [*Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains : Hebrew \(Old Testament\)*](#) (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1997).