



Now let me ask my readers: Are you walking steadily and steadfastly along the path that leads to eternal bliss and not deviating onto the broad way? Also, in order to do that are you reading and meditating on the word of God day and night and thus making your way prosperous, or is your Bible sitting on the shelf week in, week out and gathering dust?



The man of God is here depicted as a tree planted by rivers of water (v3). Water for cleansing portrays the word of God and water for drinking portrays the Spirit of God. The Psalmist then indicates seven factors which mark the man of God as likened to a tree by the water: -

PROMINENCE. He is strong and resolute just like a tree.

PERMANENCE. He is planted. Unlike grass which is cut frequently, the tree sends its roots deep into the soil – or the foundation – and that foundation is of course our Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

POSITION. He is by rivers of water and therefore has a continual source of life.

PRODUCTIVITY. He brings forth fruit. Jesus chose and ordained His followers to go and bring forth fruit (John 15 v 16) and earlier in the same discourse said, “Abide in me and I in you... apart from me ye can do nothing” (John 15 v 4&5).

PROPRIETY. His fruit is “in season”. As long as he abides in Christ the fruit will appear in its season.

PERPETUITY. His leaf will not wither. He is not affected by weather or adversity or what are often described as “the storms of life”. He is an evergreen, always the same.

PROSPERITY. “Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper”. This does not imply that it will be an easy road. Jesus never promised that at all. However, the business life, family life, church life and even the social life of a God-fearing man will prosper under the providence of God in a way that would not pertain to an ungodly man.

Thus we have the man of God graphically portrayed in these four short verses. I hope all my readers can honestly measure up to all the qualities laid down: because if you read the remaining verses of the psalm, describing the ungodly, you will see that those who persist in that way will utterly perish.