



2021 Leadership Summit
Bishop La Fayette Scales – Rhema Christian Center, Columbus, Ohio
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The Planting of the Lord #1

There are many types, shadows and symbols used for the people of God. These types give use insight into the human journey and a transformed life. There are some characteristics which are apparent, obvious and plainly seen. Other characteristics are embedded and need to be mined like treasure. One of the symbols of Israel, the people of God, is the palm tree. Trees are to be planted.

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

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The palm tree can flourish in the dry, hot deserts and arid areas.

The cedar can flourish in the high, cold mountainous areas.

Their commonality is the both root d_____ to a rock.

Their deep roots give them stability, d_____ and stamina.

Isaiah 37:31 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again **take root downward, and bear fruit upward:** After captivity, Judah would return and be planted in the land.

- Roots and fruit were a prophetic prediction.

Mark 8:1-9 the feeding of the 4000 in the wilderness.

The disciples had a scarcity mentality. (**Verse 4**)

Jesus took seven loaves and a few fish and blessed them, broke them and gave them.

They took up seven baskets.

Compare *Mark 6:35* in a desert place Jesus tell His disciples to feed a multitude.

Their m_____ was to buy bread 200 pennies worth of bread,

See what you have. They found 5 loaves and 2 fish.

- He took it, blessed it, broke it and gave it.

They serve 5000 and took up 12 baskets.

Exodus 16 the Lord feed millions in the wilderness, every day, for forty years.

- You can flourish in the desert wilderness if you are planted in the right place.
- You can have vitality in the desert or on the mountain if you are planted.

II

Psalm 92:12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Before you plant you must p_____ the soil.

Jeremiah 1:9 Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To **root out** and to **pull down**, To **destroy** and to **throw down**, To **build** and to **plant**.”

Root out hidden agendas, selfish motivations, unhealthy entanglements, embedded fears...

Pull down pride, arrogance, false self-images, victim mentality and external idols...

Destroy, so dismantle it so it cannot be reassembled again, voices that said you can't, shouldn't, won't be able to, dream thieves, Satanic tactics that come to steal your identity Esau, kill your vision Joseph and destroy your life Moses...

Throw down stronghold, stubborn ideologies which exult themselves against the knowledge of God: credible voices, with repetitious information...

To build leaders, who will build people, who will build the church.

To plant means to put and set in the ground for growth.

- Be the planting of the Lord in the house of the Lord.

III

Psalm 92:13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,

Old age doesn't disqualify you from flourishing.

Psalm 71:17-18 O God, thou hast taught me from **my youth:** and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. ¹⁹ Now also when I am **old and grayheaded,** O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed **thy strength unto this generation,** and thy power to **every one that is to come.**

You must let go of what was, to embrace what is, what could be and what's next. This experience is called change...

Infancy
Toddler
Child
Adolescent
Emerging adults
Adult
Elder
Sage wise, prudence, good judgement through reflection and experience

If you don't change as an emerging adult, we can become an adult adolescent.

"You're young once but you can be childish forever."

If you don't change when you are elderly you can become an old hag or an old geezer.

I stand on shoulders. Former
I lend a shoulder. Future
I offered my shoulder. Previous

"You can choose to walk in my shadow, or You can choose to stand on my shoulder."

"I accomplished some things.
You accomplish more things.
We all accomplish great things together"

"Like a palm tree fall to the ground full of fruit."

"Your inheritance is what you leave. Your legacy is who you leave."



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Discerning Your Season 2021

“Mature Discernment”

Some of the greatest tactics the enemy will use, in the last days, against God’s people are deception, distractions, discouragement, despair and destruction. The greatest weapon, for a believer, against end time deceptions is mature discernment. Discerning of spirits is the ability to sift and sort to discover whether it is God, angel, man or demon in operation.

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We bring forth fruit in our season.

Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. ² But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. ³ **And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season;** his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. ⁴ The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. ⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. ⁶ For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Discerning the times is c_____ c_____ for people and leaders.

Seasons come and go.

Seasons can change s_____.

Seasons are “appointed times”.

^{KJV} **Ecclesiastics 3:1** **To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:**

² A time to be born, and a time to die; **a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;** ³ A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴ A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵ A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from

embracing; ⁶ A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; ⁷ A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸ A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

There is time associated with every purpose of God.

Times are d_____ set.

There are 28 seasons in life.

“A time to be born and a time to die” *Vs 2a*

“A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;” *Vs 2b*

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This is a season of s_____.

Sifting happens when we make c_____ beyond our c_____.

Simon Peter is a great case study.

KJV Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, **Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:** ³² **But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.** ³³ And he said unto him, Lord, **I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.** ³⁴ And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

Sifting helps you discover what you really b_____.

Sifting helps you discover your real c_____.

Satan is God's tool for sifting.

Everything that hits your life is God s_____ or God u_____.

II

This is a season of d_____.

To drift means to propel or drive along.

KJV Ephesians 4:14 so that we may no longer be children, **tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine,** by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Seductive, repetitious voices can cause people to leave s_____ d_____.

Crafty deceitful people with personal self-interest, lead people a_____.

Drifting is to s_____, g_____ move off course.

Hold to your f_____ and don't drift during this season.

III

This is a season of s_____.

KJV Matthew 4:18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for **they were fishermen.** ¹⁹ **And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."**

To shift means to change the place, position, or direction of something or someone.

The Lord is shifting some from o_____ to v_____.

The Lord is shifting some from a local to a national influence.

The Lord is shifting some from a n_____ voice to a g_____ voice.

IV

This is a season of l_____.

- Lift up your eyes, see f_____.

KJV Psalm 121:1 I will **lift up mine eyes** unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. ² My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

See the Lord who made everything.

- Lift up your heads, see c_____.

KJV Psalm 24:7 **Lift up your heads**, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

See the Lord strong and mighty.

See the Lord of Host, the Lord of a_____.

- Lift up your hands, see b_____.

^{KJV} **Psalm 134:2** Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.

Lift up your hands in s_____.

Lift up your hands in v_____.

- Lift up the LORD!

^{KJV} **John 12:32** And I, if I be **lifted up** from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

See the harvest.

See the lost.

See the s_____.

Lift up your voice like a trumpet.

- Lift up Jesus!

This is a time of “Sifting, Drifting, Shifting and Lifting.”



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2020 Book List
Rhema Christian Center, Columbus, Ohio*

*City of God, City of Satan - Robert C. Linthicum

**Matthew and the Margins - Warren Carter

**Africa Bible Commentary - Tokumboh Adeyemo. General Editor

*The Courage to Be - Paul Tillich

Visioneering - Andy Staley

The Century of the Holy Spirit - Vinson Synan

The Immoral Majority - Ben Howe

The Color of Compromise - Jemar Tisby

**White Rage - Carol Anderson

Wings to Rise:

Blacks, Leadership and the Assembly of God - Dr. Darnell Williams

The Tears We Cannot Stop - Dr. Eric Michael Dyson

**The Negro Bible -The Slave Bible – Select Parts of the Holy Bible for the use of the Negro Slave of the British West – India Islands *Joseph Lumpkin*

Jesus, Through Middle Eastern Eyes - Kenneth E. Bailey

Finding the Lost Cultural Keys to Luke 15 - Kenneth E. Bailey

*A Classic or Reread

**An Ongoing Read