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1. THIS MORNING I HAD A DREAM ABOUT A TREE, and when I asked God what it meant I got a picture of one of our kingly leaders standing talking to somebody, and the general idea of what he was saying was this: "There's too much emphasis put on what **MO** is saying and not enough on what the **kids** are doing!--Too many **MO** Letters and not enough **NNNs!**"--And then again he was speaking, and I got more the impression than the words, but all of a sudden he was king **Saul** and he was saying "Too much faith is being put in the **words** of the **Prophet**, and not enough in the **work** of the **people**, of **us** the **people!**"

2. HE WAS IDENTIFYING HIMSELF, LIKE KING SAUL DID, WITH THE PEOPLE, AND THE PEOPLE, HE WAS SAYING, DESERVE MORE CREDIT! "You take too much upon **yourself**, Moses," in other words, "when **we too** are prophets, and look what **we** have done!" He was standing there very nice and very persuasive and very convincing, speaking very softly but convincingly: "After all **we** the **people** are doing quite a bit **ourselves!**--**We** deserve a little more **credit!** All you guys talk about is **MO** and his **words** and how great **he** is, and you even forget **I'm** a king, **too**, and don't even give **me** any credit!

3. "IF IT WEREN'T FOR ME THE KING, MO THE PROPHET WOULDN'T EVEN EXIST!"

4. THAT'S EXACTLY THE WAY KINGS THINK: they always feel in the long run, "The **Prophet** is more dependent on **me** than **I** am on **him**, and **I** deserve a **lot** more credit for making his work **possible!** You people need to give **me** a little more credit and glory! You **people** also deserve a little more credit for **your work**. You shouldn't be giving all the glory to the **prophet!**"

5. BUT YOU SEE, HIS ONE BIG MISTAKE IS--AND THIS IS ALWAYS THE MISTAKE OF KINGS--THAT HE LITERALLY FORGETS GOD IN THE PICTURE AND HE GETS HIS EYES ON THE PROPHET AND THE PEOPLE, and to **him** the Prophet really no longer represents the Word of the **Lord!** He gets his eyes on the **man** instead of the **mouth**, and he no longer sees **God** in the Prophet, and so he no longer feels compelled to **obey** or **submit**: "This is just a **man** anyway!--Why should I obey **him?**--He's just a **man!**"--Which is true: The Prophet is nobody without the **Lord**.

6. BUT IN THIS THE KING HIMSELF IS GIVING MORE GLORY TO THE MAN THAN TO GOD!--BUT WHAT HE REALLY MEANS TO DO IS BLAME IT ON MAN INSTEAD OF GOD! He's not really trying to give the Prophet any **more** credit. He feels the Prophet deserves **less**, because he's only a **man**. But in the process of doing it, he ignores **God** and God's **authority** and the fact that the Prophet is nothing but the **emissary** of the King of kings: the **Mouthpiece**, the **Messenger**.

7. WHEN HE GETS IN THIS MOOD IT'S THE ENEMY OF COURSE, who makes the kings very, very clever **for** us. Then he tries to remind the people: Who is this Moses anyhow?--He's only a **man!**--I can remember this and that very **human** about him!"

8. HE TRIES TO REMIND THE PEOPLE OF THE PROPHET'S HUMANITY, HIS FRAILTIES. When what he's trying to do is undermine the Prophet's **credibility**. He's only a **man** and therefore makes **mistakes!** Therefore, he's not really **always** the Voice of God!--He admits this himself!--And this **could** be one of his **mistakes**, this thing I don't like and don't want to do. This could be **one** time when **MO** was **wrong**."

9. THE KING ALWAYS TRIES TO GET THE PEOPLE ON HIS SIDE BECAUSE IT'S THE PEOPLE HE WANTS and likes and before whom he wants to be honored, and he always figures if he can get the **people**, then he'll have the **kingdom**. But these kings always, whether consciously or

unconsciously, when they get in that bad spirit of pride and jealousy, they become proud just like the Devil did before his fall:

10. AFTER ALL, I'M THE ONE WHO MAKES GOD POSSIBLE! I'M HIS RIGHTHAND MAN, LUCIFER HIS LIGHT BEARER! There wouldn't be any light without **me**, and after all, I'm a very **beautiful** candlestick and very **useful** I can keep my place even without the Flame! I'm still here and still beautiful and big and strong and we don't **always** need the Flame. After all, part of the time it's **daytime** and we'll put a little more emphasis on the **daytime** so we won't always **need** the light!"

11. THIS IS ALWAYS THE WAY THE KINGS TRY TO PERSUADE THE PEOPLE!--This **Prophet** has become a **nuisance** to us! He's created more **problems** than he's **solving!**"--And of course kings always have plenty of instances of that they can cite because the Word of God **is** always quick and sharp and powerful and **divides asunder!** Jesus said" I have come not to bring **peace** but a **sword!**"

12. BUT KINGS ARE SALESMEN: THEY ALWAYS SEEK TO PLEASE THE PEOPLE, because it is the **people** they want! They can be very convincing and very persuasive, especially when it comes to persuading, them that the **Prophet** is more of a **troublemaker** than a **helper**. There are so many examples of this in the Bible and history, because prophets are blunt and straightforward and usually pretty tactless and undiplomatic: They just speak the Words of the Lord and let the chips fall where they may!

13. BUT THE KINGS ARE NEARLY ALWAYS MORE INTERESTED IN PRESERVING THE TREE AND ALL THE BRANCHES, than the **unseen Sap!** So when it comes to something they don't like, then they begin to argue about it. When God says, "Chop it down!--it's become unfruitful" the kings always try to step in and say, "Now wait, Lord!--Give us another chance. Let me take it and dung it and try to talk to it a little bit. After all, it gives good **shade** and **protection** to the **people** even if it hasn't borne much **fruit!**"

14. WHEN OFTEN IT'S THE FAULT OF THE KING HIMSELF THAT THE FRUIT HAS BEEN CHOKED--the fault of his **own** neglect and his **own** wrong priorities--putting the **tree** first instead of **God**, when God has **withdrawn** His inspiration and the **life** of His **Spirit** or the **Sap** from the tree! **God** rules the **spirit**: When the tree no longer bears **fruit** He withdraws its **life**. The **tree** is only there to bear the **fruit** and if it **refuses** or fails to bear the **fruit** it should, it loses its **reason** for **existence!**

15. WHAT THE KINGS ALWAYS TEND TO FORGET AND TRY TO DEEMPHASISE IS THAT WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE DOING IS THE FRUIT OF THE WORDS OF THE PROPHET, the word of the Lord. The people **are** the fruit of God, the fruit of His Prophet. His Spirit, His life, His inspiration, His **Sap**--without which he, the king, would be nothing but a dead trunk and all the branches would die!

16. BUT KINGS ALWAYS SAY, "LOOK! BEHOLD, I'M A STRONG TRUNK AND TOGETHER WE'RE MIGHTY! LOOK UPON ME! HONOUR ME! We don't really **have** to have this hidden **Sap**, this unseen quantity, this unknown and unreliable and doubtful "inspiration" that flows beneath the surface! We can do **without** it, because it keeps doing new and unexpected things and bursting into new blossoms and new branches and new kinds of fruit! We just can't **have** this going on **all** the time because it creates **problems!**

17. "WE'VE GOT OUR TREE AND OUR BRANCHES AND ALL THE FRUIT WE NEED. Now we've got to **stop** this life-giving flow that creates so many problems, and it's very simple. Here we stand, we stand together. We'll just cut a little circle around the tree just beneath the bark, just under the surface to choke off the Sap, it'll hardly even be noticed. We're great and mighty and powerful and strong and here we stand! We're a tower to the sky! We rise to the heavens like Babel!"

18. SO THEY CUT OFF THE FLOW OF THE SAP. DID YOU KNOW THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO A TREE TO KILL IT? You just cut through the **cambium** layer just under the **bark** (ha!) completely around the tree, and you just strip off a little bit of that **bark** around the tree and you just cut a little tiny groove through the **cambium layer** that carries the **life-giving Sap** and the tree **dies!**

19. AND THAT'S WHAT KINGS DON'T LIKE: THE PROPHET'S BARK, AND PARTICULARLY HIS BITE! They'd not only like to get rid of the Prophet's **bark** but they'd like to get rid of his **bite** as well!--"That really hurts **my** real authority, the fact that the **Prophet** can wield the **ax!**" That's what kings always resent that **God** and the **Prophet** always have the **final authority**. They want to get out from under it.

20. THEY FIGURE IF THEY GET RID OF THE BARK MAYBE THEY CAN CUT OFF SOME OF THAT BITTER SAP THAT REALLY BITES and stings sometimes, just like **turpentine!**--That's where they get turpentine you know--from pine trees.--It's the **Sap!** So they cut the groove around the trunk because the trunk says, "I have no need of thee, O thou Sap, you **Sap!**--I can do without you! I'm already great and strong and powerful and it is **I** who bear all these **branches!**--It is **I** who have borne all this **fruit!**"

21. BUT THE MINUTE THAT LIFE-GIVING FLOW IS CUT OFF, THE ENTIRE TREE BEGINS TO DIE AND IT'LL BE DEAD WITHIN A FEW DAYS! "The **Sap!**"--it's funny that **word** should be the way **kings** look at **prophets!**--"Poor **Sap!**" Now this is the way farmers do who want to get rid of old trees that have become unfruitful or are somehow in the way, and then within a few days they're dead. If you leave them long enough they're so old and dry and rotten they'll even fall over in the first little stormy wind! They're lots easier to **chop** down, because when they become that **old** and **rotten** they become **dangerous** because they're apt to fall **unexpectedly** and without **notice** on somebody or some building or some animal.

22. SO THE FARMER USUALLY HAS TO CHOP IT DOWN, AND HE BRINGS OUT HIS AX LIKE THE WORD OF GOD AND WIELDS HIS AX AND CHOPS IT OFF! If it has become totally **dead** and **unfruitful**, then he just chops it down!

23. OF COURSE, IF IT IS A TREE HE'S TRYING TO SAVE, HE DOESN'T CUT A CIRCLE AROUND THE CAMBIUM LAYER TO KILL IT, BUT HE PRUNES IT. IF IT'S GOT A SPOT OF rot he **doctors** it, and if it has a **disease** he **sprays** it and tries to **save** it somehow. But if he **can't** save it, if it's too far **gone!**--then he has to **kill** the **old** tree and make way for the planting of **new** trees that will be **young** and **fruitful** and **undiseased** and **beautiful** and **alive** instead of **dead** and **dangerous!**

24. BUT IT'S A PRETTY STUPID TREE AND TRUNK THAT DECIDES TO KILL ITSELF BY CUTTING OFF THE FLOW BECAUSE IT WANTS TO BE INDEPENDENT! No tree in its right mind ever cuts off its own life!--Yet nearly every king it seems eventually comes to that point: "Behold **we** indeed are the **people!**--Here we are! We've arrived! We've **already grown** and **borne fruit**, and behold we have **arrived** and no longer **need** the Sap! Let's get rid of it! It's now oozing out places where we don't want it, all sticky, a sticky problem causing sticky troubles. "In other words, the king says:

25. "IT IS ENOUGH!--WE'VE HAD ENOUGH! Now let's put the emphasis on what we have **got**. We don't need any **more** sap or fruit. We just need to try to **preserve** and take **care** of what we've **got**. If this **sap** keeps up at **this** rate we don't know **what** kind of a tree we're going to grow into! We don't know **where** we're going!"

26. BUT GOD KNOWS, BECAUSE HE MADE THE TREE--NOT THE TRUNK!--THE TRUNK DIDN'T MAKE THE TREE. But it gets to thinking that it **did** and it really gets to thinking that it really is obviously the most important part of the tree. "Why, look at me!--**I** bear all the **branches!**--**I** bear all the **fruit!** Without **me** the tree would be **nothing!** You need **me** a lot more than this **Sap!**"

27. SO THE TREE SOMEHOW OR ANOTHER PERSUADES THE UNDERCHOPPERS TO COME CUT THE GROOVE AROUND HIS BASE SO HE'LL NO LONGER HAVE TO BE BOTHERED WITH THE SAP!--Certainly no farmer or forester in his right mind would do it--but the tree can probably always find some ignorant wood-chopper that doesn't know any better to come and do it for him! Nearly all kings seem to do it sooner or later saying: "That's **enough** of this **Sap!**"

28. THE KINGS THEMSELVES ARE THE ONES THAT ARE IGNORANT, NOT REALISING THAT THE SAP IS THEIR OWN LIFE! By cutting off the **Sap** and killing His **prophets** they destroy their **own life!**--And their whole kingdom falls, like the tree! They cut off the life-giving flow, the Sap's words that give life and health and beauty and nourishment and cause the branches to bear fruit. So that when the king finally persuades some stupid idiot to cut off that flow, he literally **kills himself**, the **tree**, the **branches**, the **fruit**, the **people**, the **kingdom** and **all** and then they've lost their excuse for **existence!**

29. BECAUSE WITHOUT THE SAP THERE IS NO LIFE, WITHOUT THE FLOW OF THE SPIRIT THERE IS NO LIFE. But the king always looks on the **outward** appearance and forgets what is at the **heart**, and he forgets that thin little growing layer just beneath the surface which gives the whole tree life and causes it to grow year by year, layer by layer.

30. THIS IS HOW YOU CAN TELL THE AGE AND GROWTH OF TREES, YOU KNOW, BY THE NUMBER OF THESE NEW LIVING LAYERS, because it adds a **whole new layer every year!** If you see the stump of the tree you can see these rings of layers, one for each year of the life of the tree, Each ring or new layer of growth of the living cambium layer denotes the passage of another year--another Spring, another period of growth, another Summer of flourishing greenery and glory, another Autumn of rich ripe fruit and then another sad dreary weary Winter of a seeming period of return to death and cold, leafless, lifeless fruitlessness!

31. BUT DURING THE COLD DEAD WINTER THE TREE IS ONLY SLEEPING FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. It's lost its leaves lest the weary weight of the Winter snows breaks its branches.

32. COME SPRING, THE SAP WILL BEGIN TO FLOW AGAIN and the buds begin to blossom and the tree will come **alive** again! It grows new leaves and new branches and new blossoms and **new fruit** and is **bigger** and **stronger** and more **glorious** and **fruitful** than **ever!**

33. IT'S ONLY BEEN HYBERNATING, SLEEPING: THE SAP HAS GONE UNDERGROUND TO PREVENT ITS BEING FROZEN TO DEATH! The tree itself is only frozen **temporarily** in this **seemingly** lifeless form in order to **survive** the **storms** of the cold Winter period. The **Sap**, the very **life** of the tree, is gone far **underground** into the **roots** of the tree **below** the freezing line to **preserve** its **life** lest it be **killed** by the raging storms of the vicious Winter Winds!

34. BUT WHEN THE TIME FOR SPRING COMES AGAIN, THE SAP BEGINS TO FLOW BACK UP FROM THE ROOTS BELOW! Even if the tree has been so pruned down that all the branches are cut off so that it seems like nothing but a **stump** is left, in the **Spring** it **springs to life again!**--This is particularly true of **grape vines**, by the way: In California in the Winter, you'll see miles and miles of what seem like nothing but gnarled old dead stumps--no branches, no leaves, nearly **nothing!**

35. BUT COME SPRING, THE LIFE BEGINS TO FLOW BACK FROM THE ROOTS AGAIN--to come up from **underground** and into the warmth of **God's sun** which draws it back up through the stump! Even if there is nothing left but what looks like a dead stump, it will suddenly begin to sprout **buds** and **branches** and **blossoms** and finally **fruit** again!

36. ISN'T THIS STRANGE THAT EVEN REALLY FRUITFUL TREES GO THROUGH THIS CYCLE OF THE SEASONS! The Sap comes back up in the Spring in an absolute **explosion** of **life**, like the old song: "**Spring is bustin' out all over!**"--Then it **grows again** and bears beautiful leaves and blossoms and the **fruitful crop** of **that** year till its **yearly job** is done and again **another harvest** is reaped! Then the branches are pruned again, and the living, life-giving Sap goes underground again! (What a **Sap** most **prophets** are!) The tree then **again** seems to return to **lifelessness** and what looks like nothing but a **dead stump** sticking up **above** ground!

37. BUT ITS LIFE HAS ONLY GONE UNDERGROUND IN ORDER TO SURVIVE THE STORMY COLD WINTRY WINDY BLASTS AND THE RAGING TEMPESTS OF ITS WINDY

ENEMIES that only serve to break off any truly **dead** or **rotten** branches! Any **weak** parts of the tree go **down** with the **storms** of Winter, so that even the **storms** are good for it and get **rid** of its **weak** and **rotten** branches! If they're too **old** and **diseased** and **rotten** to bear **fruit** next Spring, they're only a **weight** and **drag** on the tree.

38. THE OLD ROTTEN BRANCHES HAVE TO BE BLOWN AWAY TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW BRANCHES so that **new** leaves can see the sunlight! The Sap pushes them up and out into the light and **fresh air** of **God** where they can **produce more** chlorophyll, the **sugary food** of the tree, which in turn produces **more branches** and **leaves** and **blossoms** to beautify the tree, and to bear **more fruit** for **another harvest!**

39. THE BEES, LIKE THE ANGLES OF GOD, AND HIS BUSY BUZZING CHILDREN PARTICULARLY WITH SOME TREES, HELP TO POLLINATE THE BLOSSOMS, OR LITERALLY SOW THE SEEDS IN THE HEARTS OF THE FLOWERS--the flowering blossomy bosoms of His "**flower Children**"--so they'll bear **more** fruit! The swarms of little busily buzzing bees flying through the air and sowing seeds in the hearts of the flowers are like God's good angels and Children--His **good** spirits who are all a part of His great Kingdom in this wonderful mysterious process of life, growth, budding, branching, leafing, blossoming pollinating, and fruit-bearing, **all** of which helps the **harvest** to be **great** and **fruitful!**

40. EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING CONTRIBUTES ITS PART. The tree also has to stand on **good solid ground**, **fertile** ground, and be **watered** with the **Lord's rains** of refreshing, **washed** and **watered again**, and **nourished** from the nutrients in the **soil** which it drinks and soaks up through its great **underground root system**, that is even **unseen** and **unknown** unless the tree is in some way **uprooted**, but even **then** not **all** the roots can be found!

41. SOME WILL EVEN SPRING TO LIFE AGAIN COME NEXT SPRING AND PRODUCE NEW LITTLE TREES, young **saplings** who **still** bear the **life** of the **Sap**, like his **Children**, even though the **parent** tree itself may have been swept away in the storms! For this **underground root system** still has **life** and with some trees can reproduce **new young tender** little plants even if the **original** tree has been destroyed.

42. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A BRIGHT NEW GREEN BRANCH GROWING OUT OF A STUMP IN THE SPRING?--A stump of some old tree that either the Farmer himself has cut down or pruned to little more than a stump or been blown down by the storms of Winter! It's amazing what life God can put back into it and create a **whole new tree** from what looks like **nothing** but a **stump!**

43. ITS UNSEEN UNDERGROUND, HIDDEN BUT VITALLY-LINKING ROOT SYSTEM GOES OUT IN ALL DIRECTIONS, sometimes for **great distances** and some **very deep down** to seek **water** and **nourishment**. But **all** are **joined together** at the **stump** of the tree, the **base** or the **foundation** of the tree, resting on **firm solid ground!** All are linked **together** and made **one** at the **root** of the tree, which is really the beginning **Foundation** of the trunk, the **Stump** who is really the **Lord Jesus Himself**, **not the king!**

44. JESUS SAID, "I AM THE VINE," OR THE STUMP: "YE ARE THE BRANCHES."--And the king and his **high ones** are only the **trunk** and **loftiest**, showiest and most exalted **branches** which can easily be brought low if they begin to think they're the Stump Himself!

45. IT'S LIKE THE KING IS THE LOFTY TRUNK WHO BEGINS TO THINK HE'S THE FOUNDATION STUMP and that he can dominate and uphold the whole tree by himself! But he himself is borne by the **real Stump**, the **Foundation** of the tree, Christ Jesus, and if the king becomes too top heavy or unfruitful or rotten, he'll be lopped off by God the Farmer Himself or blown off by the winds of enemies and adversities so that **new younger stronger branches** with **more** of the **life-giving Sap** can take his place!

46. "BEWARE, O BRANCH, LEST THOU THINK TOO HIGHLY OF THYSELF! It is **I** that have borne **thee** and **not** thou **Me!** For in the day that thou exaltest **thyself** instead of **Me**, thou shalt be brought low, and in the day that thou yieldest **not** to My life-giving flow of My Spirit, thou shalt **die** and be **destroyed!**

47. "BEWARE, THOU EXALTED BRANCHES, LEST THOU TAKE TOO MUCH UPON THYSELVES and too great a load without My Life, lest thou fall from thy place and be no more and **another** replace **thee** which shall be **more yielded** to My Spirit and bear Me more **fruit** for My Kingdom!" Hallelujah! Thank You, Lord! I see it so much more clearly now as I look at the picture!

48. YOU KNOW, THE TOPMOST BRANCH USUALLY STICKS STRAIGHT UP AND IS THE HIGHEST OF ALL AND IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYTHING and it is like a continuation of the trunk itself, but it is really not the **Stump**, but it is still only one of the branches like a **part** of the **trunk** but not the **Stump!**--That has got to be the **Lord!**

49. THE TRUNK AND THOSE HIGHEST BRANCHES ONLY GET TO THINKING THEY'RE THE STUMP sometimes because they're so **lofty** and so near the **top** and **centre** and sometimes **in** the **very** centre! But they're still **all** only standing on **top** of the Stump, and if they don't **behave** they'll **fall** especially if they think they can get along **without** the **lower** parts, the Foundation Base, the **Stump**, the **hidden roots**, or the **Sap** itself, with its flow of life-giving Spirit or its **under** branches which are **older** but **still bear fruit!**

50. BUT JESUS SAYS, "I AM THE VINE, YE ARE THE BRANCHES: He that **abideth** in **Me**, and **I** in **him**, the same bringeth forth **much fruit**, for without **Me** ye can do **nothing!** If a man abide **not** in **Me**, he is **cast forth** as a **branch** and is **withered:** and men gather them, and cast them into the **fire**, and they are **burned!"** (John 15:5,6)

51. WELL, PRAISE GOD, THERE'S HOPE FOR THE TREE EVEN THROUGH SOMETIMES IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S DEAD OR DYING OR EVEN BLOWN DOWN OR BLOWN AWAY! When I was a little kid I used to play in a tree in Florida that had been blown down in a hurricane and was lying flat on its side with most of the roots broken off and sticking up out of the ground into the air!

52. BUT BECAUSE SOME OF THE ROOTS WERE STILL INTACT AND HEALTHY AND STILL DEEP UNDERGROUND, THE TREE ITSELF WAS STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE! Even though it had fallen over on some of its branches and crushed them with its weight, they still supported it, and the upper branches on top were still green and growing! We kids used to **run** along the trunk between the branches and could **now** climb the tree without even going straight **up!**

53. THE TREE HAD NOW COME DOWN TO PLAY WITH US, and though it was more **humble** now, it was really more **fun** that way and a **lot less lofty** and therefore **less dangerous** for us to climb! I guess that means that some trees can **still** be **useful** and **alive** even if they've been **blown over** or **fallen down** and even if only useful to **children** for their **play!**

54. SO I GUESS IF EVEN SOMETIMES YOU FEEL BROKEN DOWN AND UPROOTED AND NO LONGER AS LOFTY AS YOU ONCE WERE, YOU CAN STILL BE USEFUL TO THE LORD'S CHILDREN, although you may not be as great and glorious and haughty as you were before! Are you a **hidden root** or a **branch** or a **bark** or a **bite** or a **Sap** or a **bud** or a **twig** or a **leaf** or a **blossom** or a **fruit** or the **loftiest** branch or branches, or just a tender little **seedling** or a tiny young sapling just **beginning** to **grow** out of the **ground** that will form a **new tree** some day?

55. WHATEVER YOUR PLACES IS, YOU'RE ALL A VERY NECESSARY PART OF GOD'S KINGDOM, and we'd be **damaged** without you and **handicapped** without your help! We're **all** needed and **none** can really do without the **other!**

56. "SO LET NOT THE BRANCH SAY TO THE ROOT, I HAVE NO NEED OF THEE: nor the fruit to the fruit to the leaf, I have no need of thee; nor the topmost branches to the trunk and Sap beneath, we have no need of thee; lest **thou** be found to fail in thy **own** usefulness and weighed in the balances of God's winds and found wanting and lacking the strength to stand in time of storm!"--Amen! Praise the Lord! Thank You, Jesus!

57. THE UNSEEN HIDDEN ROOTS ARE REALLY THE SAFEST PART OF THE TREE, although they **too** are attacked by **some** varmints and bugs and diseases sometimes and can even become **drowned** if there is **too much flooding**, because they need **air** as well as **water**!

58. OR ARE YOU ONE OF THE LORD'S OLDER BRANCHES that helped the tree get its **start** and bore its **first fruit**!--"Fear not, you have served your usefulness and borne good fruit! The tree would not still be here if it had not been for **you**! So you, too, shall have your reward!"--Hallelujah!

59. OR ARE YOU JUST A LITTLE BUDDING BRANCH on the same old tree? Or are you one of the **tiny seedlings** or brave **young saplings** which will some day grow into a **whole new tree**? God bless you!

60. "YEA, THOU SHALT BE A VERY FOREST OF TREES THAT SHALL COVER THE EARTH!"--Amen! Or are you just a **tiny blossom** and seem only a **beautiful decoration**?" Fear thou not for thou shall soon bear the fruit of thy bosom!" Hallelujah! Did you know the **fruit** comes from **blossoms**?--The **bosoms** of the whole tree!

61. "AND YE SHALL BEAR FRUIT, YEA, INDEED, MUCH FINE FRUIT IN THE TIME OF HARVEST WHICH SHALL FEED MY KINGDOM! For it is My Father's **Will** that ye shall bear **much** fruit!--For herein is My Father **glorified**! Be fruitful therefore and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it"--That's a verse from **Genesis**! We're back to the **beginning** again! And we can start **all over again** if we **have** to!

62. GOD CAN CREATE A WHOLE NEW TREE, A WHOLE NEW WORLD FROM A BRAND NEW BEGINNING IF YOU BECOME OLD AND UNFRUITFUL AND UNYIELDED TO HIS SAP so that you grow no more and bear fruit no more but are dead and dying! If so, He'll lay the ax to the root of the old dead tree, for it encumbereth the ground; and He'll remove it and make room for a **new young** tree till it be healthy and sturdy and grow green and blossom to bear **new young** fruit for His Kingdom--as **you** once were!

63. WHICH ARE YOU--A PART OF THE OLD OR A PART OF THE NEW? Have you grown **old** and **dying** or are you still **young** and **growing**? Or are you **diseased** and **rotten** and **weak** and **undependable** and **unfruitful** so that you have to be **pruned off** to make room for **others**?--Or are you still **new** and **fresh** and **green** and **growing** and **blossoming** and **bearing fruit** that's useful!

64. THOUGH YOUR OUTWARD MAN, LIKE THE BARK OF THE TREE, PERISHETH, IS YOUR INWARD MAN STILL GREEN AND GROWING, like the living cambium layer, and renewed every day with the life-giving flow of the Sap of His Spirit with the nourishment of His Words? A lot is up to **you** and how you **grow** by how much **nourishment** you receive!

65. DON'T BE A FOOL AND CUT YOURSELF OFF AND THINK YOU CAN DO WITHOUT THE REST OF US, or you may become just a fallen dead leaf or branch or rotten fruit on the forest floor, and your history merely food for future generations! Keep **young** and **green** and **budding** and **blossoming** and **bearing fruit** for His Kingdom! Praise God!

66. GOD BLESS YOU AND MAKE YOU A BLESSING! Or if you **need** a blessing and you need another shot of this **Sap**, **write** to us for **more** of these words and we'll send some up from the roots right away!

67. SO YOU CAN THANK GOD FOR EVERY PART OF THE TREE that made it **all** possible to make **you** what you are **today!**--Or what you **can** be if you'll **join** us! Don't delay! Join today!--Lest you fall to the forest floor and be trampled under the feel of cruel man! **Stand** on the **Stump** of **God's Son** and **grow** with us!

68. WE'RE SEEDING A FOREST THAT IS COVERING THE EARTH! There are already **thousands** of us in **hundreds** of small **groves** or Colonies in **scores** of countries of **many varieties** bearing **much precious fruit** for His Kingdom!--Are you **one** of us?

69. ARE YOU PART OF US?--HAVE YOU SPRUNG FROM GOD'S VINE, His Stump, His Foundation, Christ Jesus? Are you **part** of His tree or a seed or a fruit of His Kingdom?--Perhaps you're a tiny seedling, sapling or transplant that will grow with us into the great forest of His worldwide soon-coming Kingdom of Heaven on Earth!

70. GET IN ON THE FOREST GROUND FLOOR AND GROW UP WITH US NOW AND HELP US REFOREST THE EARTH WITH HIS LIFE-GIVING TREES!--Amen? Then you can sing with us: "I'm a tree! I'm a tree! I'm a tree!"--Hallelujah! **Keep green** and **growing** and bearing **fruit** that will **feed** the **world** from the life-giving flow of His **Spirit** of **love, joy** and **peace** and **happiness now** and **live happily ever after forever!**

71. WOULD YOU LIKE THAT?--THEN START LIVING TODAY! There's only **One way!**--**Jesus Christ** is the **Way, the Truth** and the **Life!**--Have you **found** the **Way, heard** the **Truth** and do you **have** His revolutionary **New Life now?**--If **not, come** and **see** us or **write** us today and we'll **share** it with you so **you too** can **live** and **grow with** us, --**God's Tree!**--For "The fruit of the righteous is a **Tree of Life**, and he that winneth souls is **wise!**"--Prov.11:30.

(**Now** if you want a **real** thrill, look up **Bible** verses on **trees!**--**Wow**--Are you a tree?)

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