



Pointes to Ponder

Where is the Source of our Strength?

Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD.⁶ He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.⁸ He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." Jeremiah 17:5-8 (NASB 95)

As I have reflected on this passage, the following thoughts came to mind:

God designed man with the purpose to be the protector and provider for his family. He is to protect and provide physically, emotionally and spiritually. As such, he is a direct representation of who God is to His creation.

Unfortunately, today, this purpose has been diluted, convoluted and polluted. Our society has become characterized by the passage in Romans 1.

"For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

People would rather trust in their own abilities and wisdom rather than trust in the Lord. And according to the Lord, they will be ***"like a shrub in the desert and shall not see any good come."***

Today our world is struggling with a virus (Covid 19) that currently has no known cure. Those infected are having their lives impacted on so many fronts; jobs, emotions, health, and loved ones. People are looking for answers. They will not come from the Government officials, they will not come from the Scientists, they will not come those who espouse a false religion. They are found only in Him, the one and true God and only by them who place their trust in Him!

EastPointe family, I want to leave you with two exhortations.

1. Trust God and don't fear the difficult times.
2. Bless others by guiding them to putting their trust in God.

Have a sweet day!

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