

# Leaves of the Tree : Prescriptions from Psalms

"Leaves Of The Tree"<sup>20</sup>

we walk uprightly as it says in Verse 2? We work every day. Do we work righteousness? We talk much but do we speak the truth and where? If honesty is so honored and valued that it pours right out from our heart, none of those toxic incursions of man's thinking could occur that Jesus had listed. Speak the truth in your heart. One of the problems is lying, "*leasing*," remember, as it said in King James' English? 15:2

Ps. 16:5 ↓

Psalm 16:5, for heredity being dealt with in this pharmacy of the Psalms. "*The LORD*" is what? "*The portion of mine inheritance*"? Sometimes we're proud of our inheritances. At other times, we're ashamed of them. To anchor inheritance, heritage, and heredity in God, is, first, a radically different concept of origin, where we came from. Secondly, it only allows for the expression of the nature from which it is flowing, and that's divine. The only inheritances, then, can be divine, if that logic prevails.

16:6

In Verse 6 you will note that [deep] concern the psalmist [has] about hereditary limitations on his ability. Apparently he comes to the conclusion through accepting the divine fact, the prescriptions he's had filled, "*Yea, I have a goodly heritage.*"

16:7

Kidneys are the problem in Verse 7. There's a very polite Elizabethan word used in the Bible, "reins." That has nothing to do with what holds horses back; in some cases it's used that way. But it's also the translation of the word that literally means "kidneys." Calvin's talking about the anatomy of the soul, remember of every part of the soul that he finds being mirrored in the psalms. But we also are finding specific references to portions of the anatomy that give out, that fail, that act up, and on which we are dependent if the body is dominant; but biblical therapy, if we elect that method, we've got to be absent from.

We find that Verse 7, if it weren't quite as tragic for the psalmist, it would be slightly amusing, in the fact that it reminds us of ourselves. "*I will bless the LORD, who hath given me advice,*" but if that's all it took to get our attention, that would be one thing. But, he says, "my kidneys also instruct me in the night seasons." [Audience laughter] I get cornered. I'm desperate. Now I'm back to God again, in a way. So very often these anatomical reminders are warnings.

But remembering also that there are two levels that every biblical concept is expressing itself, the outer one and the inner one. That kidneys also is meant to refer to the mind as the interior self, even Webster under "kidney" talks about temperament and disposition. Almost all of the anatomical words have mental equivalents. It's as if back when our vocabulary was being formulated or translated from previous vocabularies of earlier tongues that we've had this psychosomatic link. We've had the physical and the mental attached even to portions of the anatomy.



Why has there been almost an unobserved record being kept by those who have investigated or seen or lived through some of these physical conditions, that also the mental state that accompanied them has been remembered. What is the nearest dispensary as far as Bible therapy is concerned? Verse 8, "I have set the LORD always before me: because [he is] at my right hand I shall not be moved."

Ps 16: 9

Verse 9, "My heart is glad," and guess what else happened; what follows? "My flesh also shall dwell confidently." How does "flesh dwell confidently"? That's a mental state, but its been subdued by a mental state. "My heart is glad." What medicine do we want more than anything else? What leads us to a glad heart? Then the flesh simply subsides as the significant bellwether as far as health is concerned.

16: 11

What is the dosage of gladness in Verse 11? "In thy presence [is] fulness of joy." That's the dosage, "fulness." There's no room left for anything else.

Someone asked me during intermission about a marauder of a disease called tuberculosis. The fact that there was a great emotionalism in that because it's taking family members. In the spirit of our investigation of Scripture, going to it for the answers, perhaps this should apply to each and every one of us since we're the ones to search the Scriptures. The Bible will not dwell on the problems of tuberculosis, but it will dwell on the solutions. That's what you want as far as any disease is concerned. Since the problem of breathing is involved, to translate such a concept into terms appropriately employed in biblical therapy, we find out that is one of the maximum treatments in the Bible.

The Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit, the original meaning of both terms, ghost and spirit, being breath, you can tell it must mean that simply by studying all the references to the Holy Ghost. You'll find that people are filled with the Holy Ghost. The only thing like that we can relate to anatomically is lungs. What are we being filled with? What does the pharmacy of the Bible indicate is the cure for improper breathing or lungs? If we can be filled, if we can take in, if we can inhale nothing but the atmosphere of God, we are getting pollutant free environment. We are taking in purity. We can't just inhale. We must utilize that breath and send back out purity utilized. This is the sequence of breathing in its highest spiritual form when we run into it in the Bible. Perhaps, a good dose of searching the divine intent behind the term, the Holy Ghost, will translate that into our nature. The divine nature has no tubercular problems. The divine nature is the nature of solution to problems.

17: 3

Psalm 17, Verse 3. A cardiograph is taken within the precincts of a hospital in order to prove your heart, to test it out. But according to Biblical thereapy, one of the leaves on that tree is that God proves our heart. God tests our heart. You know what the cardiogram is that results from the cardiograph test? What prints out? Verse 3, "Thou hast tried me, [and] shall find nothing."

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There's another problem that contributes to ill health that we're all aware of, and that's hypochondria and the fact that we talk about our illnesses a great deal and too much. Therefore the weight of focus in thought, the weight of thought is on that side. Which is why that needs to be purged out. The purgative must be taken. Here we find the psalmist recognizing that because he is saying, "I am purposed [that] my mouth shall not transgress." in Verse 3.

Ps. 17:3

17:4

Contrast the transgression of our mouth with, in Verse 4, "by the word of thy lips I have kept [me from] the paths of the destroyer." It's kind of an invitation to "shut up and listen" as far as the pathology of the Bible is concerned dealing with the source of many of our diseases, building up of its forms in the image of our thinking. If you and I could take that music of joy in the Psalms. No wonder gladness and joy are connected with psalms. That is what brings that kind of healing within. When we can let the rhythm of our heart be ruled by the rhythm of the Psalms then we can be kept from the paths of the destroyer.

17:5

Verse 15 of Psalm 17 [tells us] that God's prescriptions, precisely filled, bring satisfaction. Satisfaction because "we awake in God's likeness." But that results first from the prerequisite of "beholding God's face in righteousness." That requires us to go back to the theology of Genesis 1 to comprehend what that means. If we indeed are image, or likeness, and God is the original, the only way we can find out about our nature is to spend our time studying the original. Then we know the image. We also know what's not the image by studying the original.

Just as Treasury Department experts know counterfeit bills, not because they have studied all the many thousands of counterfeit attempts, from poor work to expert work, but rather, simply study the original and you will know the counterfeit immediately. That's in a sense akin to surgically removing in a mental way, or taking this purgative cathartic Word of God to remove what does not belong to our nature. Imagine the joy of letting go what has burdened us for so long. It's part of that darkness that is ignorance, that the light, the laser beam of revealed truth, simply removes, and not painfully at all. It just does what light is supposed to do. It removes any rationale for the existence of darkness.

19:7-9

Read [Psalms,] Chapter 19:7-9 and you will discover that there are quality controls as far as God's medicine is concerned: all the things you would want to see on the label. Look at the words "perfect," "sure," "right," "pure," "clean," and "true," which has the meaning in Hebrew of (stable). You want a stable product. You want a clean product. You want it pure. You want it right. You don't want the wrong remedy. You want it sure. You want it perfect.

Ps. 19:10

In Verse 10 we have that taste we've been told about already, "sweeter than honey."