

# Leaves of the Tree; Prescriptions from The Psalms

"Leaves Of The Tree" 29

71:18

Those interested in geriatrics. It's in Psalm 71, Verse 18. That's also been isolated out as a special problem. No one ever expects that old age is going to be like it is until one arrives. No preventive medicine has been taken. Nothing seems to be possible. Once again, it is submission to the inevitable. Verse 18 shows that's also included in biblical therapy. "Now also when I am old and gray headed, O God, forsake me not; until "I have shewed" two things that seem to be taken from those in that category, "strength and power."

[Psalm 71, Verse 18 continued]

The *New York Herald Tribune* many years ago came out with a study that originated in the De Couri Clinic in Cincinnati. The opening line in the article reporting their findings is "Time is not toxic." It has no effect in bringing about degenerative disorders. Anyone who thinks that because he or she is getting along in years, that loss of vigor, disability, or degenerative disorders should be experienced is suffering from a time neurosis which may be more effective in physical conditions in producing the effect of fear. It went on [along] that [line]. So there's another discovery. Again, as the other doctor we quoted said, "We're waking up to things that have been really known inherently all along." The Bible has never budged from its position. We have vacillated. God hasn't moved.

73:26

Chapter 73, Verse 26 refers to heart failure and degenerative diseases. "My flesh and my heart faileth." But look at immediately what the psalmist knows to do. He feels those symptoms and what does he say? "God [is] the strength of my heart." See how it handles the terminal nature of heart problems, "and my portion for ever."

77:2

Psalm 77, Verse 2. "My sore ran in the night," there's a specific problem.

77:3

Verse 3. Here is a popular experience, "I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed." [Laughter] What's going to get attention of our thought, even at the moments of extreme agony? On that cross Jesus is saying Psalms. The Psalms got Jesus off the cross. Are there prescriptions in the Psalms for lesser problems if they can deal with the crucifixion?

Ps. 103:1-6

\* Psalm 103, Verse 1, ["Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, [bless] his holy name."] We're all covered by insurance policies, perhaps life and health insurance. The Canadian spelling is probably better, "assurance" as far as biblical therapy is concerned. If you've ever wanted to know what benefits we have, Psalm 103 lists them: Verse 2, "Forget not all his benefits." We have "Forgive us iniquities," that's sin removed from man. "Disease," all of them, Verse 3. Removed from man's experience and nature. [Verse] 4, "Redeemeth thy life from destruction," death no longer the arbiter of man's potential and capability. Those are the benefits. They're not only individual; they're collective

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