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2-Friends-John 15:15;

But I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of the Father I have made known unto you.

3-Brethren-John 20:17; Jesus saith unto her

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3-So, the tall, stately palm, with its dark pillar-like shaft, and its capitol of feathery fronds is one of the most graceful objects in nature.

1-I am not surprised that this tree has been called, 'the prince of the vegetable world,' or that it should be spoken of as 'the loftiest and stately of all vegetable forms.'

4-The Palm is the most fruitful tree known:

1-The best dates are produced when the tree is from thirty to one hundred years old.

2-The young Christian is lovely, actually, like a tree in the blossoms of spring.

3-However, the aged Christian is valuable, like a tree in autumn, bending with ripe fruit.

5-So the Christian grows happier and more useful as he becomes older.

1-Knowing his own faults more, he is more mellow to others.

6-The palm bears fruit in abundance: So the Christian must bear the fruit of the Spirit in abundance:- "John 15:1-8."

1-There are three conditions of the fruitful life:

1-Cleansing: John 15:2-3;

Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. (3), Now ye are clean through the word I have spoken to you.

2-Abiding: John 15:4; Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

"The Palm Tree And The Christian," Ps. 92:12

1-The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: He shall grow like the cedars of Lebanon.

(Sermon Number Two)

2-I have singled out the palm-tree as the subject of these sermons because:

1-I believe there is not in the Word of God a more striking type of the Christian life.

2-To the sanctified imagination, I believe, creation is instinct with Divine teaching.

3-In the spring time the seed sown:

1-Some falling among thorns and some by the wayside, some on the rocky ground and some in the good soil--has its lesson of warning and instruction. Mt. 13:1-23.

4-In the summer, the new mown grass speaks to us of the brevity of life: 1-Pet. 1:24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.

5-The golden sheaves of autumn remind us of the harvest at the end of the world. Matthew 13:30;

3-Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

5-While the purity of Winter's snow tells us that, although our sins may be as scarlet, yet that we may, through pardoning grace and justifying righteousness, be as white as snow. Isaiah 1:18

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6-Then, again, let me say that the righteous shall grow like the palm-tree in that the palm-tree will not mix with any other tree.

1-You cannot graft a palm-tree; you cannot graft anything to a palm-tree.

1-The moment you begin a grafting process with a palm-tree it dies.

2-Matthew 6:24; Ye cannot serve God and Mammon.

7-The righteous man:

1-Shall be a man that can live in any community and not find himself taken up with the conduct of the community in which he lives, provided that community is unrighteous.

2-Examples:

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2-Daniel in Babylon: 12 chapters in Dan. Daniel 1:8;

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3-The Saints of Caesar's household. Philippians 4:22.

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3-Exogenous Grower: Center to Circumference grower  
(Oak, elm, cedar)

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