

Hello! This is Dorothy -

There is a verse in **Jeremiah 17**, which says -

7 Blessed is the man who trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. Are you trusting in the Lord today? “Oh, yes,” you say, “I know I am saved.” Well, do you know that living hope from the One, who is very much alive? The Bible says that if you really trust Him in this way and allow Him to be your life, then there is hope. For it says-

8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters . . . Could you imagine in a barren, bleak situation, a tree doing very well for itself, but everywhere else seems to be just desert? Yet, that tree has the source of gaining the water from what is right beside it. It is like a channel of life. That is how Christ is. I cannot get myself all ready to be a good Christian today; I can only get my heart right with the Lord and say, *Lord, I will be the channel, but You have to be the Life. You have to be the Soul Winner through me. You have to be everything that You want done through me, because You are the Becoming One.*

It goes on to say in this verse about this tree . . . **and that spreadeth out her roots by the river. . .** Well, wouldn't it when there are plentiful waters there? That is how we are to be; we are to literally spread out our life in everything. This includes not just the things we think we cannot do, but in every last thing - in our thinking; in our sleeping as we commit our minds to the Lord; in our reading; in everything we do - to spread out our roots by that living river for He is our river of life. And . . . **when the heat**

cometh . . . When the difficulty comes, when those trials come which this world cannot understand how anybody can survive, we are told that . . . **her leaf shall be green . . .** That tree shall be kept alive right to the very leaves, not just the branches. It is all because of that living water, as the tree draws in that supply of life. It goes on to give hope. . . . **and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.** The greatest amount of fruit through your life and mine will come when there are difficulties - when there are unbelievable trials and problems and when we are facing what would seem to be the biggest crisis anybody has ever heard of - that is when God yields forth the greatest fruit! When we understand that, we will realize that we can draw on the proper Power Source. Sometimes, when an awful thing happens, it might help you if you would just stop and say, *Lord, I praise You and I rejoice. I do not quite understand why I am praising You, but You are the source of all supply. You are the very life within me, and You know all about this situation, and You will get glory through it.*

Then, out of that, just start to sing songs of praise in your heart. You say, “Praise? Praise? You don’t know my situation!” The Lord knows your situation and He says we will not only know that Life going through us, but we are going to see fruit produced. There is no difficult situation that you are placed in that somehow does not bring fruit. Do you remember the stoning of Stephen In **the Book of Acts, chapter 7 and verse 56?** You would have thought there was nothing much to praise God about, but this one did not take upon himself all the evil thoughts of resentment and jealousy and anger. Oh no! He looked unto the Lord in those awful hours, when he was being stoned to death! He did not realize that in that congregation watching him was a man, a young man called Saul, who was watching the garments of those who were doing the

stoning and who was probably thinking this was a good thing.

But you see, there is no life which stands in the power of the Lord that God does not use, but He uses it for a witness to others. Sometimes we have this idea that to be a witness to others, we have to be somebody famous and our name has to be accepted and somehow we have to make sure that we get to the top of the pile of the people we know around us. No. It is when we are willing to be like those roots, going deep down where nobody can find them and yet, they are finding their water supply in Christ. The living water comes forth and nobody is talking about the roots; they are seeing the fruit of the leaves. It is all because of that water supply, that power supply, to make that tree able to bring forth that fruit.

That is what Jesus wants to do with your problems right now. I do not care how terrible they are. The Lord died for the sin of all the world. He died knowing all the things you are going through. Will you please at this time say, *Lord, I hand it all to you. I cannot cope with it, but You can. I want that out of this there should be much fruit to Yourself. I want to humble myself before You and give You praise in just how you are going to do it.*

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

