

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of a large, ancient tree with a thick, gnarled trunk and a dense canopy of green and brown leaves. The sun is shining brightly from behind the tree, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene with a warm, golden light. The branches of the tree spread out in all directions, filling the frame.

ONCE UPON A
TREE




GENESIS 21:33

Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there called on the name of the **Lord**, the **Everlasting God**...

Tamarisk Tree





A society grows great when old men plant
trees the shade of which they know they
will never sit under.

The Oldest Tree In The World:
Bristlecone Pine
'Methuselah'



Reforestation





“
If you have no
opposition in the
place you serve,
you’re serving in the
wrong place.”

- *G. Campbell Morgan*

The Church is designed to be a **greenhouse.**





PSALM 92:12-13

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

¹³ Those who are **planted** in the house of the Lord
shall flourish in the courts of our God.


The
'President'



A couple of lessons we
can learn from these
majestic sequoias



1.
**WE ARE ALL
BENEFICIARIES OF
OUR ENVIRONMENT.**



In the same way, the tallest oak tree in the forest is not the tallest because it grew from the best or hardiest acorn.

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2.

**GOD IS
NOT IN A RUSH.**



PSALM 90:12

Moses prayed, “Lord teach us to
number our days that we may gain a
heart of wisdom”.



JOB 14:7-9

For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its tender shoots will not cease.

⁸ Though its root may grow old in the earth, and its stump may die in the ground, ⁹ yet at the scent of water it will bud and bring forth branches like a plant.

2 Important Lessons To Learn About This Passage




Did you know if you cut a tree down and leave its stump, it can still grow again?




ISAIAH 11:1

A shoot will come from the stump of Jesse,
from his roots, a **branch** will bear fruit in the
house of the Lord.



**2 Important Lessons
To Learn About
This Passage**



Did you know that
water has a scent,
a smell?



PSALM 92:12-14

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The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree,
he will grow like the cedars of Lebanon. ¹³ Planted
in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the
courts of our God. ¹⁴ They will still yield fruit in old
age; they shall be full of sap and very green.

Cedar of
Lebanon





Roots



Fruits



Fragrance