

Hello! This is Dorothy -

In **Song of Solomon, chapter 7 and verse 7**, we read -

7 This thy stature is like to a palm tree. . . I remember a palm tree years ago. My husband and I were walking in Florida and down came this coconut and it just landed at our feet. I did not even dwell on the fact it could have landed on our heads! But a palm tree is so tall, so regal, so awesome. If you have ever seen one, you will have a different attitude towards trees after that. They are amazing trees.

. . . thy stature is like to a palm tree. . .

8 . . . I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof . . . The believer is likened to a palm tree, *speaking of the stature of the fullness of Christ.* You remember in **Ephesians 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.** The roots of the palm tree are in touch with the spring of living water. The leaves and the branches are usually being very scorched by the sun, but they are living by their roots, drawing upon living water. Even though believers may suffer great trials in the wilderness, they are somehow not effected because of their union with Christ. The sun

might be scorching on your life, but if your roots are where the great water is, if there is union with Christ, you are still going to grow in Him, whatever the affliction and difficulty. Resulting from the work of the Lord in the believer, others, in turn, are fed, through His indwelling life, of all that has been learned. You see, isn't it lovely?

People want to run under the palm tree in those hot places! They find succor there and help and shelter. That is the life of a person who knows the stature of the fullness of Christ. Others are always blessed.

The believer exists only for the pleasure of the Lord's delight. When we are born again, we are to be the desired ones of Christ. It is no longer what our work is or what we gain or what we lose. The explanation of our life should be that we live only unto God with such complete union as between the bride and the bridegroom. In this passage, it is the Lord within her Who initiates the work. As His spouse, their union is absolute. In **verses 10 through 13**, the bride speaks of working together with the Lord.

10 I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me.

11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.

12 Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, whether the tender grape appear, and the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves.

13 **The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates are all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.**

You see, all of the Lord's work is now the sphere of her work. The whole focus is ***let us go forth into the field.*** Her work is everything that is happening in the world! **For God so loved the world . . . - not just our little teeny community - . . . He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16.**

The maiden now understands that her desire is : ***let us lodge in the villages*** - *to sojourn from one village to another.* She follows the Lord; she seeks after lost sheep and wounded ones. She has a world view at last! She has the nature of a sojourner; she bears the mark of a sojourner. . . .***all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, have I laid up for thee, O my beloved.*** Her work is an expression of her love to Him; now the Lord's work is the maiden's work.

What about your life, dear believer? It is not the same as when her work was the Lord's. Although she has not lost her individuality, now the Lord is part of her work. This is by absolute union with the Lord. He is her life. His work is my life and my work is His life; it is all tied up together! She is diligent. As in **Ephesians 5** —

25 . . . **Christ (Himself) loved the church.** . . . - *she represents the Church; she is the bride and He is the Bridegroom.* - . . .

and gave himself for it.

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. The result of one's work is not for one's boasting; we work together with the Lord in His work and all the glory goes to Him.

Dear believer, I don't know where you are in your Christian pilgrimage, but it is tremendously important to understand. For you to be as that palm tree, for that stature, you have to understand that the living water of the Word of God is what you feed upon that is in your heart and in your life, and that Christ is more real to you than anybody or any other thing in your life. Then, your life is literally an expression of His life through you. It is His life working out through you. It doesn't happen just in big things; it happens in the tiniest little incident of the day, when you commit your day to Him and say, *Be glorified, Lord Jesus, at my expense.*

Amen.