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Ps. 1:3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither - whatever they do prospers. (NIV)

Yesterday, we looked at the progression of sin and the need for us to follow the LORD rather than the crowd around us. Today we will see the benefit of those who choose to follow the LORD and His word. We must be careful to keep our eyes and heart centered on the only One Who will never waver or fail. He is the foundation we must build on. He is the supplier of all of our needs. He will sustain you in the midst of the storms of life.

When I was a freshman in high school, we moved to Post, Texas. My father worked for AMOCO Pipeline and we were transferred there. West Texas is much different than North Central Texas as far as the climate and topography. The largest trees in Post were 'in town' and watered frequently and there were a few by the pond at the city park. That was it. No more trees, just scrub bushes and sagebrush. You could definitely see the importance of the water and the nourishment the trees in town got from its benefit.

In this Psalm, David reminds us of the importance of being planted by the streams of water. We are unique in the fact that we can choose where we want to 'put down roots.' We have the choice of being close to the LORD and His people, or we can live amongst those who serve themselves and are selfish in all of their ways. Now, you might say, 'aren't we supposed to be salt and light to this world and how can we be so unless we live among them?' The answer is yes! We are to be salt and light, but the difference is in the attitude of our hearts and the focus on our lives must be on Christ and Him alone. He is our living water. He is our source of strength and our sustenance in a land that is becoming more and more barren. In David's time, there were very few trees like this and people sought them for shade from the hot sun and a place to rest. David says that we can be like those trees to others who need rest and shelter from the storms of life.

Dear LORD, help us to be like the trees planted by streams of living water. Help us to bear fruit and be sustained by the nourishment of Your Word and Your strength. In Jesus Name, Amen