God planted the Cedar Trees which are called, “Cedars of the Lord”

Psalm 104:16-17 (KJV)

“The trees of the Lord are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted; Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.”

History

The Cedars of God is one of the last vestiges of extensive forests that once thrived in ancient times across Mt. Lebanon which thrives in Lebanon’s Kadisha Valley.

The tree is their countries symbol which is displayed in the national flag and on the coat of arms.

This forest is one of the rarest sites where the Cedrus libani still grows. Its native habitat is in the Himalayas, around Mediterranean countries, and in many parts of the world with mild climates.

The Kadisha Valley (Holy Valley) west of the Cedars of God, is a home for ancient monasteries dating back to the very first spread of Christianity.

The oldest cedar tree in Lebanon is about 3000 years old and described in ancient works on botany as the oldest tree in the world. It has survived five millenniums enduring some of the most tumultuous periods of history. It also serves as a home to over 200 species of birds including ones that are rare.

The cedar grows approximately 30 cm a year and the tree can reach up to 40m— (130 ft) in height with a massive monopodial columnar trunk up to 2.5 m (8 ft 2 in) in diameter. As with other conifers, its conical shape points to the sky (heaven).

This sacred forest and valley were added to the UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1998 because of its importance and example of early Christian Faith and deforestation from exploitation. Its reforestation efforts will take decades to be seen since it grows so slowly.

Uses
• Its rugged landscape with rocky cliffs have served over centuries as a place for meditation and refuge.
• The wood was highly prized in ancient times for construction, trade, shipbuilding, making paper, and railroads.
• Its oil was used as a base for paints, perfumery, and embalming practices.
• In the bible, Pharaoh used this magnificent tree to build his ships and Solomon used its strong timbers to build God’s temple (1 Kings 7:2-3).

Symbolism & Metaphors

The word "cedar" is mentioned 103 times in the Bible. It was used to build King Solomon's Temple and to seal David's house.

The Cedar is an emblem of longevity, a symbol of holiness, eternity (immortality), elevation, protection, and resilience.

You’ll see Cedar trees planted in cemeteries because they are a symbol of everlasting life.

The Cedar species is known to grow deep, penetrating roots. For every ten feet of height above the ground, the tree roots grow 30 feet below ground.

This gives the meaning of anchoring yourself in the power of the Word of God. He is our anchor and grows deeper when we grow in our knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of His truth developing a deeper relationship with Him.

When you develop a deep relationship with the Lord your power and authority allows you to defeat evil and sin.

It also implies how important a strong, deep foundation in Christ is for us to endure the toughest storms we encounter in life.

What is below the earth, which cannot be seen is more important than what shows outwardly.

A person needs to feed themselves with the Word to grow stability, strength, and resilience to fight the flesh, the world, and the devil.

The sap of this species serves as a natural repellent to harmful insects and fungi giving resistance to decay and infection. This sap gives us resilience and protection from the evils of the world. It’s our spiritual armor that we must keep working on to maintain.

It represents abundance and blessings that pour out of us after time from God’s promises and gifts of grace.
This makes me think of when one roots themselves in knowledge, wisdom, and understanding along with living a righteous life, it oozes out of us supernaturally. We start to live “Christlike” and it shows. People notice your Holy Spirit through your joyfulness and fulfillment.

Psalm 92:12-15 conveys longevity and vitality to someone who is getting older but hopefully more righteous while growing a deeper relationship with the Almighty Lord.

By becoming “fat and flourishing” conveys He takes care of us. He is my Rock; He is our anchor in our trials and tribulations.

He gives us everything we need; He takes care of us. We live an abundant life when we live in His ways following the laws of His kingdom.

Psalm 92:12-15 (KJV)

"The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

To shew that the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him."