



# Spiritual Landscape

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The beauty of a servant of God lies in the heart that relentlessly desires to bring people to experience the love of Christ, to dwell in God's presence, and to live a Holy Spirit-led life. As we delve into the description of what God revealed to Ezekiel, we can find inspiration in our church ministry.

As pastors and leaders of His church, we are propelled to declare the truth of God's Word to our people. Our call, akin to Ezekiel's, is to sow the seed of truth that fosters growth in the soil of human hearts. Only the truth of God's Word possesses the power to liberate people from captivity.

***Ezekiel 40:4***

***..for you were brought here so that I might show them to you. Declare to the house of Israel everything you see."***

The ministry of the church, in various capacities, designs, sizes, and dimensions, must ultimately lead people to God's presence. The Cherubim and palm trees are more than ordinary symbols; they hold deep significance. The two faces of each Cherub—one of a man and a lion—point us to Jesus, who walked the earth both as fully human and as the lion of the tribe of Judah, our Emmanuel and the reigning King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

**Ezekiel 41:18-20**

**18 And it was made with cherubim and palm trees, a palm tree between cherub and cherub. Each cherub had two faces, 19 so that the face of a man was toward a palm tree on one side, and the face of a young lion toward a palm tree on the other side; thus it was made throughout the temple all around. 20 From the floor to the space above the door, and on the wall of the sanctuary, cherubim and palm trees were carved.**

Our churches desperately need the presence of God; the very essence of our existence is about dwelling in His presence. The times we live in pose great challenges and adversity that attempt to block the path to God's presence.

We are reminded to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus through various trials and challenges. I'm reminded of the good old song that says, **'Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full into His wonderful face, and the things of the world will go strangely dim in the light of His beauty and grace.'**

Let's keep bringing people to 'God's Holy Place' by always looking to Jesus. Our goal is for our churches to be the Most Holy Place—a divine place where heaven touches earth.

**Ezekiel 41:4**

**4 He measured the length, twenty cubits; and the width, twenty cubits, beyond the sanctuary; and he said to me, "This is the Most Holy Place."**

Secondly, the palm tree symbolizes resilience and sustenance, as dates—one of the earliest food-producing plants globally—offer energy, vitamins, minerals, fat, fiber, protein, sugar, riboflavin, and niacin. Let's lead our churches to be places of palm trees where people are firmly planted, fostering growth and flourishing.

**Psalms 92:12-14**

**12 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.**

**14 They shall still bear fruit in old age;**

**They shall be [a]fresh and [b]flourishing,**

Let us be encouraged in this season, regardless of what we have gone through or the challenges ahead. We are thankful to God, for He is faithful, and His love endures forever through the works of our hands. Like the palm tree, symbolizing strength, nourishment, and endurance, we serve God with thankfulness and a renewed anointing in His Most Holy Place. Together we continue to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people.

