

“See How the Palm Trees Flourish!” (Song 6:13b–7:9a)  
GCC, 11/7/21, Morning Worship

Intro—Behold a Palm Tree in the Desert! (Exod 15:20–27)

### **What Does the Palm Tree Teach us about Love on Two Horizons?**

- I. First Horizon—Perpetually Conquer and Delight in your Palm Tree (Song 7:7–9)
  - A. Husbands, have eyes only for your wives!
  - B. Keep your fountain AND your conscience pure and clear (Prov. 5:18-20)
  - C. Husbands, don’t be a “conqueror-and-mover-oner”
  
- II. Second Horizon—The Beauty and Stature of the Church
  - A. The Church Adorns her Stature and Beauty through Internal Unity (6:13b)
  - B. The Church Adorns her Stature and Beauty with Balance (Song 7:6, 7; Cf. Titus 2:9, 10; Eccl. 7:18)
    1. Behold how Christ views the stature of the church, tall and stately, pleasant on the eyes and sweet to the taste.
    2. Adorn Christ’s imputed righteousness of Christ with beauty and balance (Titus 2:9, 10; Eccl. 7:18).
  - C. The Church Adorns her Stature and Beauty by Bearing Fruit in Old Age (Psalm 92:12–15)

### **Questions for discussion and application:**

1. Read Song 7:7–9. What does the “palm tree” teach husbands about how to love their wives on the first horizon?
2. Read Prov. 5:18–20. To what does the “fountain” refer and how do men keep that fountain pure?
3. What are two extremes to be avoided when “adorning the doctrine” of the imputation of the active obedience of Christ to the account of the believer through faith?
4. Read Psalm 92:12–15.
  - a. What is it that allows a saint to flourish like the palm tree, still bear fruit in old age and to be full of sap and green?
  - b. How do we keep from getting jaded in the Church, especially in old age?
  - c. If the actions of people in the church (members or office-bearers) cause us to be disillusioned in our Christian faith, what does that say about us?