

“Promises from the Olive Tree”

A Book of Hope and Encouragement for Parents

Your children will be like olive shoots around your table (Ps. 128:3).

1. The Olive Tree: God’s Provision for His Children through Nature
 - A. Food, nourishment
 - B. Oil for heat and light
 - C. Beauty, shade, comfort, prosperity
2. Why God Compares the Attributes of Godly Children to Olive Shoots
 - A. Trees and children possess great potential for fruitfulness
 - B. Trees and children require expert cultivation to reach their full potential
 - C. Trees and children flourish in the proper growing environment
3. Symbolic Titles of the Olive Tree
 - A. *The King of Trees* because of its great worth
 - B. *The Tree of Life* because of its exceptional qualities
 - C. *The Eternal Tree* because of its longevity
 - D. *The Victory Tree* because of its ability to prosper under adverse conditions
 - E. *The Mercy Tree* because the oil of mercy and healing is derived from it
 - F. *Prima Omnium Arborum* (Lat.) because it is the *first among all trees*
 - G. *The Tree of Peace* because the olive branch is a symbol of peace
 - H. *The Messianic Tree* because it represents Christ: the root, the branch, the fruit, and the oil poured forth—the Anointed One
4. The Spiritual Fruit of the Olive Tree
 - A. The fruitfulness of our offspring: humble service unto the Lord and humanity
 - B. Anointing: the ultimate spiritual byproduct
5. The Promise of Divine Hope
 - A. Biblical definition of *hope* (Greek, *elpis*): pleasurable, favorable, confident expectation concerning the seen, the unseen, and the future, the happy anticipation of the good
 - B. (Rom 8:24) *For who hopes for what he already has? Hope that is seen is no hope at all.*
 - C. God’s children, prisoners of hope: *Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope: even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee (Zech. 9:12).*