

# 419\_The\_Tree\_of\_Life (Psalm 51, I Nephi 8)

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- P1. D C G D  
Have mercy upon me, O God  
D C G D  
According to thy lovingkindness
- P2. C G C G  
According unto the multitude of thy tender mercies  
C G C D  
Blot out my transgressions
- P3. G F C G  
Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity  
G F C G  
And cleanse me from my sin
- P4. F C F C  
For I acknowledge my transgressions  
F C F G  
And my sin is ever before me<sup>134</sup>
- L2. D C G D  
Behold, I have dreamed a dream  
D C G D  
Or, in other words, I have seen a vision
- L3a. C G C G  
Because of the thing which I have seen  
C G C D  
I have reason to rejoice in the Lord
- L3b. G F C G  
I have reason to suppose  
G F C G  
That many will be saved
- L4. F C F C  
But behold, I also fear exceedingly  
F C F G  
I saw in my dream, a dark and dreary wilderness
- L5. D C G D  
I saw a man dressed in a white robe  
D C G D  
He came and stood before me  
C G C G
- L6. He spake unto me  
C G C D  
And bade me follow him
- L7. G F C G  
As I followed him I beheld myself  
G F C G  
That I was in a dark and dreary waste
- L8. F C F C  
After traveling for many hours in darkness  
F C F G  
I prayed to the Lord he would have mercy on me
- L9. D C G D  
After I had prayed unto the Lord  
D C G D  
I beheld a large and spacious field
- L10. C G C G  
I beheld a tree  
C G C D  
Whose fruit was desirable to make one happy
- L11. G F C G  
I partook of the fruit; and it was most sweet  
G F C G  
I beheld the fruit was white, to exceed all whiteness
- L12a. F C F C  
As I ate the fruit  
F C F G  
It filled my soul with exceedingly great joy
- L12b. D C G D  
I wanted my family to partake also for  
D C G D  
I knew that it was desirable above all other fruit
- L13. C G C G  
As I cast my eyes round about  
C G C D  
I beheld a river of water near the tree  
G F C G
- L14. I saw at the head your mother, Sam, and Nephi  
G F C G  
They knew not whither they should go
- L15. F C F C  
I beckoned unto them with a loud voice  
F C F G  
they should come, and partake of the fruit
- L16. D C G D  
They did come unto me and  
D C G D  
Partake of the fruit also
- L17. C G C G  
I was desirous that Laman and Lemuel  
C G C D  
Should come and partake of the fruit also

<sup>134</sup> Psalm 51:1-4

- L18. G F C G  
I cast mine eyes, that I saw them  
G F C G  
They would not come and partake of the fruit
- L19. F C F C  
I beheld a rod of iron along the bank of the river  
F C F G  
Leading to the tree by which I stood
- L20. D C G D  
I beheld a strait and narrow path along the iron rod  
D C G D  
It led by the head of the fountain to a large field
- L21. C G C G  
I saw numberless concourses pressing forward  
C G C D  
To obtain the path leading to the tree
- L22. G F C G  
They did come forth and  
G F C G  
Commence in the path which led to the tree
- L23. F C F C  
There arose an exceedingly great mist of darkness  
F C F G  
They who commenced in the path did lose their way
- L24. D C G D  
I beheld others catch the end of the rod of iron  
D C G D  
And press through the mist until they did partake  
C G C G
- L25. After they had partaken of the fruit of the tree  
C G C D  
They did cast their eyes about ashamed
- L26. G F C G  
I beheld, a great and spacious building  
G F C G  
It stood as it were in the air, high above the earth
- L27. F C F C  
it was filled with exceedingly fine dressed people  
F C F G  
They were mocking and pointing at those eating
- L28. D C G D  
After they tasted of the fruit they were ashamed  
D C G D  
Because of those scoffing at them, and
- L29. C G C G  
They fell away into forbidden paths and were lost  
C G C D  
And my son Nephi did not write all of my words
- L30. G F C G  
I saw other multitudes catch the iron rod  
G F C G  
They did hold fast to the rod of iron until they partook
- L31. F C F C  
I also saw other multitudes  
F C F G  
Feeling their way to the great and spacious building
- L32. D C G D  
Many were drowned in the depths of the fountain  
D C G D  
Many were lost, wandering in strange roads
- L33. C G C G  
A great multitude entered the strange building  
C G C D  
After entering they did point the finger of scorn
- L34. G F C G  
But I heeded them not  
G F C G  
For as many as heeded them, had fallen away
- L35. F C F C  
Laman and Lemuel partook not of the fruit  
F C F G  
Despite my many words
- L36. D C G D  
After I spake the words of my dream or vision  
D C G D  
I feared Laman and Lemuel should be cast off
- L37. C G C G  
I did exhort them with feeling of a tender parent  
C G C D  
That the Lord may be merciful, and not cast them off
- L38. G F C G  
After I prophesied unto them of many things  
G F C G  
I bade them to keep the Lord's commandments<sup>135</sup>
- P11. C G  
Cast me not away from thy presence  
C G  
And take not thy holy spirit from me  
C G
- P12. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation  
C D  
And uphold me with thy free spirit.
- P13. G F C G  
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways  
G F C G  
And sinners shall be converted unto thee

<sup>135</sup> I Nephi 8:2-38 abridged

P16.           C                           G  
 For thou desirest not sacrifice  
 C                           G  
 Else would I give it  
 C                   G C                   D  
 Thou delightest not in burnt offering

P17.           G                   F           C           G  
 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit  
 G                   F                   C           G  
 A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise

P18.           F                           C           F   C  
 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion  
 F                   C   F           G  
 Build thou the walls of Jerusalem<sup>136</sup>

P1.           D   C                   G   D  
 Have mercy upon me, O God  
 D           C           G   D  
 According to thy lovingkindness<sup>137</sup>

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<sup>136</sup> Pslm 51:11-18

<sup>137</sup> Psalm 51:1