

Casting Shade

Jonah 4: 5 Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There **he made himself a shelter**, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. 6 Then **the Lord God provided a leafy plant** and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant.

Genesis 3: 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so **they sewed fig leaves** together and made coverings for themselves...21 **The Lord God made garments** of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

The shade is important to God
is because of how **God**
provided for them in the
wilderness.

Leviticus 23: 42 Live in temporary shelters for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in such shelters **43** so your descendants will know that **I had the Israelites live in temporary shelters** when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.””

Shade is not only about what
He did for the Israelites but
how He works.

We fail as Christians/Churches

**when we create our own shades
and ask God to bless it.**

When we seek the Lord we realize

God creates the shade and we
must live under it.

God's plan for our future?

Isaiah 4: 5 Then the Lord will create over all of Mount Zion and over those who assemble there a cloud of smoke by day and a glow of flaming fire by night; over everything the glory will be a canopy. 6 **It will be a shelter and shade** from the heat of the day, and a refuge and hiding place from the storm and rain.

Amos 9: 11 “In that day

“I will restore David’s fallen shelter—

I will repair its broken walls

and restore its ruins—

and will rebuild it as it used to be,

Ezekiel 17: 22 “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. **23** On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; **it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar.** **24** All the trees of the forest will know that I the Lord bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall.

God's plan for our future?

We become a shade for many.

A hospital for the sick

A light for those in darkness

A gym to train disciples

A path to those running in
circles

A community for the isolated

Hope for those without hope

If the church is the shade

Jesus is the root.

If Jesus is the root

You and I are the trunk.

The Pathway

Do life together

Worship together regularly

Enjoy God's presence

Give Generously

Serve Others

Live Differently

Share Your Story

Together we must commit to
letting **God's Holy Spirit govern**
the nature and future of the
tree.

Tradition becomes traditionalism

When our commitment to a tradition negates the work of the Holy Spirit.

John 3: 8 The wind blows **wherever it pleases**. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. **So it is** with everyone born of the Spirit.”

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