

## Daily Devotional, August 25, 2020

### “Under the Fig Tree”, (John 1:48, NKJV)

*“when you were under the fig tree, I saw you”* (John 1:48)

These words were spoken by Jesus to Nathanael, who was among those called to be apostles. It was customary for the Jews to pray and meditate upon God’s Word “*under the fig tree*” in Israel. The rabbis taught that there was a special blessing associated with prayer under these trees. The omniscient Son of God knew the exact passage of Scripture that Nathanael had been meditating upon “*under the fig tree*” (John 1:51; Cf. Genesis 28:12). When Nathanael heard that, he was convinced that Jesus of Nazareth was the God-Man Messiah.

Perhaps you too have a shady place outdoors under a tree in your yard or in the park where you can go to be alone with God. Perhaps you have a special spot indoors where you can pray and meditate upon Scripture in holy quietude. Wherever your “*fig tree*” may be, you can be sure that God knows exactly what your prayers are, and exactly which passages of Scripture that you may be considering while you are there. You are not alone there. You are never alone. And you are never unnoticed by the great God of the Universe. Though there be many prayers ascending to the throne from “*under the fig tree*” all across the globe, God is not bound by the finite. He is infinite. He shall hear your prayers, and through His Spirit, “*guide you into all truth*” (John 16:13). It surely shall also be that He has a divine call on your life, a special and unique purpose for you, just as He had for His servant Nathanael. For it is written, “*Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart*” (Jeremiah 29:12-13). Seek the Lord in prayer, and abide in His presence. Seek the Lord in His Word, and you shall find Him, and have greater and greater things revealed to you.

At this point, I must let you go. I have an appointment “*under the fig tree.*” So do you. God bless you in your time of prayer and meditation.