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does not convey to us anything ~~that~~ like the meaning that conveys to one
who lives in a semi-arid region. I never will forget one evening when I
stood on top of the ~~...I-ne-~~ Sandea mountains of New Mexico, and there
I looked out over that great arid region, much of it real desert, and to look
from the top of the mountain ~~...but then you saw a-~~ you saw that region quite
desolate as you looked at it
barren and ~~desert and~~ but then you saw an issuing out by the Rio Grande River
and you saw the river going down through there, ~~ix~~ it is not a big river in
hardly deserving the name, it deserves more as you get ~~more~~ into Texas
that area, but as you saw that river ~~ix~~ winding down ... ~~standing out there~~
~~in the desert, drawing their~~ but much more vividly than the river you saw the
stream standing on both sides of the ~~x~~ river, standing out there in the desert
these marvelous cottonwoods and other ~~k~~ trees, drawing their sustenance from
the river, ~~xx~~ and so the trees planted by the rivers of water is a figure for
a tree that is not one that will get along when there is good rain and then when
you get a dry season goes dry, it is one that is planted by a perennial source
and gives it strength and vitality. You want it to live, you want it to ^{prosper, to} produce.
What do you do, take a can of water and go out and pour it on the branches.
You don't water the branches, you water the roots of the tree, and if our lives
are going to produce for God, it is vital that we use ~~ksome~~ pruning. it ~~ix~~ i
is vital that ~~x~~ we study the fruit, the leaves, all these things have their importa~~nce~~,
but most important is that we get the ~~xxx~~ sustenance to the roots, most important
is our relation to the Lord Jesus Christ, most important is our relation to the
Bible as the source from which we get our ideas, our understanding, from which
we get the roots of our spiritual life. It is interesting to notice in our ~~x~~ first
Psalm that it says that he ~~shall~~ shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of
water, that bringeth his fruit in his season. His leaf also shall not wither and
whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Is that saying he is going to be prosperous