

Theme: THE FRUITLESS FIG TREE

Memory Verse: *Jude 1:12 "These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withered, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;"*

Texts: Mathew 21:18-19; Isaiah 5:1-5; John 15:1-2

"And when he saw a fig tree, in the way, he came to it and found nothing there on, but leaves only". Studies reveals that fig trees take about three years from then time they are planted to begin to bear fruits (Luke 13:6,7). They usually bear plenty of fruits twice a year. The figs remain from season to season if not plucked. The fruits come before or with the leaves, so the presence of leaves on a fig tree indicates that there are fruits on that tree even if the time for them to be fully ripe was not yet come.

The fig tree in our study was full of leaves and was expected to be full of fruits but alas it was without fruits. It looked good and promising but it was disappointment. The Lord thought of finding fruits, but He found only leaves (Mark 11:13). The believers are also typified by trees (Isaiah 5:7, Psalm92:12; 1:1-3; 52:8; 128:1, 3). As trees, the Lord expects the believer be fruitful "in season and out of season". Fruitfulness is a sign of spiritual problem and is never encourage by the Lord. Believers are expected at salvation to "bring forth.... Fruits meet for repentance" (Mathew 3:8).

Salvation is also expected to produce, in the believer the nine "fruits of the spirit" (Galatians 5:22, 23). Other fruits expected of the believer is "good fruits" (Mathew 7:17, 20); fruits of righteousness (2 Corinthians9:10); fruits of soul-winning (John4:36) and so on. To be found filled with leaves only without fruits is unthinkable! Little wonder then that Jesus cursed the tree. It is not the will of God that any should be fruitless. All believers are expected to bring forth fruits. Beloved ponder over this, because it is dangerous not to bear fruits as a believer.

DAILY BIBLE READING			
MORNING		EVENING.	
MON.	Lev. 24		1 Cor. 9
TUS.	Lev. 25		1. Cor. 10.
WED.	Lv. 26		1 Cor. 11.
THUR.	Lv. 27		1. Cor. 12
FRI.	Num. 1		1. Cor. 13
SAT.	Num. 2		1. Cor. 14
SUN.	Num. 3		1 Cor.. 15