

~FRUITS (301)

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- Cain decided first to offer to Yehowah God in sacrifice some of the **fruits** of his labors.
- And it came about at the expiration of some time that Cain proceeded to bring some **fruits** of the ground as an offering to Yehowah. ([Genesis 4:3](#))
- Israel was commanded to celebrate a festival over the gathering together of their first ripe **fruits** of their land, bringing these to the house of Yehowah God in Jerusalem.
- Also, the festival of harvest of the first ripe **fruits** of your labors, of what you sow in the field, and the festival of ingathering at the outgoing of the year, when you gather in your labors from the field. ([Exodus 23:16](#))
- The best of the first ripe **fruits** of your ground you are to bring to the house of Yehowah your God. You must not boil a kid in its mother's milk. ([Exodus 23:19](#))
- And you will carry on your festival of weeks with the first ripe **fruits** of the wheat harvest, and the festival of ingathering at the turn of the year. ([Exodus 34:22](#))
- The best of the first ripe **fruits** of your soil you are to bring to the house of Yehowah your God. You must not boil a kid in its mother's milk. ([Exodus 34:26](#))
- And if you would present the grain offering of the first ripe **fruits** to Yehowah, you should present green ears roasted with fire, the grits of new grain, as the grain offering of your first ripe fruits. ([Leviticus 2:14](#))
- Out of your dwelling places you should bring two loaves as a wave offering. Of two tenths of an ephah of fine flour they should prove to be. They should be baked leavened, as first ripe **fruits** to Yehowah. ([Leviticus 23:17](#))
- And the priest must wave them to and fro along with the loaves

- of the first ripe **fruits**, as a wave offering before Yehowah, along with the two male lambs. They should serve as something holy to Yehowah for the priest. (**Leviticus 23:20**)
- And what the land is, whether it is fat or lean, whether there are trees in it or not. And you must show yourselves courageous and take some of the fruitage of the land. Now the days were the days of the first ripe **fruits** of the grapes. (**Numbers 13:20**)
 - The first ripe **fruits** of all that is on their land, which they will bring to Yehowah, yours it should become. Everyone clean in your house may eat it. (**Numbers 18:13**)
 - And on the day of the first ripe **fruits**, when you present a new grain offering to Yehowah, in your feast of weeks you should hold a holy convention. No sort of laborious work must you do. (**Numbers 28:26**)
 - And there was a man that came from Baal-shalishah, and he came bringing to the man of the true God bread of the first ripe **fruits**, twenty barley loaves, and new grain in his bread bag. Then he said; Give it to the people that they may eat. (**2 Kings 4:42**)
 - And to bring the first ripe **fruits** of our ground and the first ripe fruits of all the fruitage of every sort of tree, year by year, to the house of Yehowah. (**Nehemiah 10:35**)
 - Even for the supply of the wood at appointed times and for the first ripe **fruits**. Do remember me, O my God, for good. (**Nehemiah 13:31**)
 - The shepherd girl described her lover's skin as being like the choicest **fruits**.
 - Your skin is a paradise of pomegranates, with the choicest **fruits**, henna plants along with spikenard plants. (**Song of Solomon 4:13**)
 - Awake, O north wind, and come in, O south wind. Breathe upon my garden. Let its perfumes trickle. Let my dear one come into his garden and eat its choicest **fruits**. (**Song of Solomon 4:16**)
 - The mandrakes themselves have given their fragrance, and by

our entranceways there are all sorts of the choicest **fruits**. The new ones as well as the old, O my dear one, I have treasured up for you. (**Song of Solomon 7:13**)

- The exiles could still have a good life. Their wicked leaders had been defeated, and their city of Jerusalem destroyed and their temple ruined, but they could still live in the finest land there was, and enjoy a sense of freedom, and benefit from the bounty of the land and its goodness. He encouraged them to gather up the bounty of summer **fruits** and oil, and dwell peacefully in the cities they seized.
- And as for me, here I am dwelling in Mizpah, in order to stand before the Chaldeans who will come to us. And as for you yourselves, gather wine and summer **fruits** and oil and put them in your vessels and dwell in your cities that you have seized. (**Jeremiah 40:10**)
- All of these dispersed Jews then came back to Mizpah and there they took to gathering the summer **fruits** of the land. Due to the reduced populations there was an abundance of good things and they would do well upon the land as a result. Also Yehowah would bless those who obeyed him.
- And all the Jews began to return from all the places to which they had been dispersed, and they kept coming into the land of Judah to Gedaliah at Mizpah. And they went gathering wine and summer **fruits** in very great quantity. (**Jeremiah 40:12**)
- But then the responsibility of other Israelites is to make these offerings so that a blessing would fall upon them. All of this would teach the Israelites to respect men devoted to the service of God and divine principles. They must give their best **fruits** to such ones.
- And the first of all the first ripe **fruits** of everything and every contribution of everything out of all your contributions, to the priests it will come to belong, and the firstfruits of your coarse meals you should give to the priest, in order to cause a blessing to rest upon your house. (**Ezekiel 44:30**)
- Then Yehowah God uses an illustration, of what their fortified places are like, to the forces that will be brought against them. They are like a fig tree at the time of the harvest of the **firstfruits**, when even a gentle wind will cause the ripe **fruits** to fall from the tree, and then they will certainly fall into the mouth of an eater. Thus their

fortifications will not stand against the invasion forces that are coming against her, and the powerful forces Yehowah God brings against her fortified places, they will quickly fall, and their men of war will become food for the attacking forces.

- All your fortified places are as fig trees with the first ripe **fruits**, which, if they get wiggled, will certainly fall into the mouth of an eater. (**Nahum 3:12**)
- Jesus then uses a simple illustration, to show how to recognize such men. The **fruits** we see on a tree tell us what kind of tree we are looking at, whether apples, cherries or peaches or figs. Thus men who are true anointed Christians produce fine **fruits**, and this is how we can recognize them, by their fine fruits.
- Also Jesus shows that people never reap **fruits** from non-productive weeds like thorns or thistles. Thus men who are spiritually like thorns and thistles, we should not expect to get any fine **fruit** from them. Never does anyone gather grapes or figs from such **fruitless** plants.
- By their **fruits** you will recognize them. Never do people gather grapes from thorns or figs from thistles, do they? (**Matthew 7:16**)
- So to reiterate an earlier point, he shows, that it is by their fine **fruits**, that anointed Christians can recognize these different types of men.
- Really, then, by their **fruits** you will recognize those men. (**Matthew 7:20**)
- Then when the season of the **fruits** arrived he dispatched slaves to obtain the **fruits** from those he left in charge of cultivating his vineyard. This Yehowah God also did through his prophets repeatedly.
- When the season of the **fruits** came around, he dispatched his slaves to the cultivators to get his fruits. (**Matthew 21:34**)
- The Jewish religious leaders showed that they got the point of the illustration for they called these cultivators wicked and evil, and showed that the householder was certainly justified in bringing an evil destruction upon them for their wickedness.

- They showed that the householder would then let out the vineyard to other cultivators who would render him the desired **fruits** when due. Thus these men got the point, but getting the point did not cause them to turn around in repentance for their wickedness, and they turned around and killed the son anyway.
- They said to him; Because they are evil, he will bring an evil destruction upon them and will let out the vineyard to other cultivators, who will render him the **fruits** when they become due. ([Matthew 21:41](#))
- Then Jesus Christ made clear to them his reference to this stone of stumbling, for the Kingdom of God would be taken from the Jews, and given to a people producing righteous **fruitage**. The Jews, the natural ancestors of the faithful man Abraham, had been given 1,500 years to produce this righteous nation, but by following wicked men as its leaders, they led the people away from God's righteous way of living and were rejected.
- This is why I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and be given to a nation producing its **fruits**. ([Matthew 21:43](#))
- So when the season for the harvest came around, he sent out slaves of his to get the **fruits** from those cultivators he had hired to watch over the vineyard.
- Now in due season he sent forth a slave to the cultivators, that he might get some of the **fruits** of the vineyard from the cultivators. ([Mark 12:2](#))
- He told all such ones to first produce good spiritual **fruits**, that would befit or demonstrate their repentance, for without such a change of behavior their professions were just that, mere professions.
- They prided themselves on being the children of Abraham their forefather, but John showed, that God had the divine power to raise up children to Abraham from the stones lying there on the ground in the wilderness if need be, for they were not measuring up to being sons of Abraham, a man of true faith in God, a righteous man of godly works.
- Therefore produce **fruits** that befit repentance. And do not start saying within yourselves; As a father we have Abraham. For I say to you that God has power to raise up children to Abraham

from these stones. (**Luke 3:8**)

- Likewise the hard working farmer must be the first to partake of the **fruits** of his labors. Thus if Timothy works hard, then he will be among those who partake of the **firstfruits**, the anointed ones.
- The hardworking farmer must be the first to partake of the **fruits**. (**2 Timothy 2:6**)
- James now shows by contrast what the Holy Spirit is like. First of all it is chaste, clean, pure and holy. Then it is peaceable, seeking to build peace within the congregation of anointed sons of God. It is always reasonable, being willing to take the time to reason out matters and come to mutual agreement.
- It is ready to obey Yehowah God and those whom he places in charge of his people. It is full of mercy for others in need, and also full of good **fruits** in the way of fine works, for, and in behalf of others. It is not partial or making fine distinctions between brothers, and acts as it believes.
- But the wisdom from above is first of all chaste, then peaceable, reasonable, ready to obey, full of mercy and good **fruits**, not making partial distinctions, not hypocritical. (**James 3:17**)
- This water of truth is to be made available to all who want it, for it flows down the **middle of its broad way**. Just as trees take in water from a stream and light from the sun, producing good **fruits**, so likewise mankind who let God's truths freely water them and his spirit energize them will grow strong and tall.
- They will in turn clothe themselves with leaves, a lovely covering that draws and attracts others. The **fruit** the people produce will never be out of season for they will come forth continuously forever.
- Down the middle of its broad way. And on this side of the river and on that side there were trees of life producing twelve crops of fruit, yielding their **fruits** each month. And the leaves of the trees were for the curing of the nations. (**Revelation 22:2**)