

"For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; WHOSE END IS TO BE BURNED." Hebrews 6:7-8 KJV



What the earth produces well is blessed. If not, it is burned. God grants equal opportunity to every man to please Him. Those who avail themselves of His Mercy and Grace through faith find untold riches. God's goodness falls on all men. *"For He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge."*

Each sunrise brings new opportunity. The important thing is to *"bring forth"* fruit meet for the Master who dresses and keeps the garden of men's souls. Every gardener knows the joy of a productive harvest. Good gardeners will prune the unproductive branches away from a plant. Not all your losses are evil; some are from the Husbandman of your soul Whose watchful eye prunes away the unproductive branches. Jesus said, *"I am the True Vine, and my Father is the Husbandman."* If you would be part of the Eternal Vine, you must yield to the pruning of the *"Husbandman."* Weeds need no tending or nurturing, but spring up and devour the good plants. Did you ever hear of a gardener who cultivated weeds? Whether flowers or fruit, the gardener is pleased nay, given awards for good harvests! God is no less pleased when we bear fruit. *"The FRUIT of the Spirit IS (singular) love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance."* These are different attributes of one FRUIT. You get yellow AND sweet with a banana and sweet AND juice from a grape. You don't get one without the other. The entire *"fruit"* of the Spirit will be seen in the life of the Spirit filled, not just one attribute. Outward appearance manifests inward condition. Green bananas are neither sweet nor yellow; green grapes neither sweet nor juicy. A good gardener can look at a tomato and determine its edibility. Many accuse God of being "unfair," but *"thinkest thou this to be right, that thou saidst, 'My righteousness is more than God's?' The Law of the LORD is perfect. His Way is perfect."* To think yourself more capable of passing judgment than God is to align yourself with Lucifer who said, *"I will be like the Most High."* God's reaction? *"Thou shalt be brought down to Hell, to the sides of the Pit."* Even the ability to reason is God-given. *"Come, now, let us reason TOGETHER' saith the Lord."* Reasoning that God is unjust is foolishness of the highest order! *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."* Some blame God for loss, illness, or handicap, but even the atheist professor Stephen Hawking acknowledged, "The actual point of creation lies outside the scope of presently known laws of physics." Most physicists deny God's existence, but will not consider their very existence allows, through faith, access to immortality! Only the blind would reason sight is delusion! A "Big Bang" is admitted by men, but explanations are varied and inexact. Creation, "The Big Bang," was the direct effect of God's Spoken Word! It must be heart rending for God to be rejected by His own creatures! The more men fill their minds with human reason the less room there is for God! *"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools."* The

thing about fools and idiots is; they do not realize they are fools and idiots! Children instinctively know God IS until adults tell them lies! Ever see an infant look at thin air and laugh? Who do they see?

The rain that falls from up above,
Falls from the Father's heart of Love,
He looks for fruit at harvest time,
From ev'ry branch upon the Vine. -CGP

Fruit determines whether you stay in the garden or are cast out and burned. Jesus said, "*Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*" Everyone gets the same opportunity. Fruitful plants are tended and nourished.

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: (why?) that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He may give it you." John 15:16 KJV

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