

MARK

CHAPTER 11:12-26

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THEME:

The Sacrifice of the Servant King

TITLE:

The Wrath of Jesus

INTRODUCTION; The sacrifice of the Servant King

A Text Often Misunderstood;

The Only miracle of Judgment, of Cursing, of Destruction

2 Corinthians 3:17

**Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is liberty.**

Associated Press

There was a story out of New Delhi where a barge carrying 60 people passed under a bridge and off that bridge fell a 2 Ton statue of Buddha. It crushed to death 10 and sank the barge, injury 50 others who were pulled from the water.

Jesus Comes to His People, His Nation, A Chosen Relationship (But They Were Bound)

Isaiah

The LORD, ... He will do His work, His strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.
Jesus is not only the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world
but He is also the Lion form the tribe of Judah.

Revelation 6:15-16

And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,¹⁶ and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

Meekness is not ***weakness***

Meekness is power under control and will boldly defend what is right.

A.) *The Results of Spiritual Neglect* *vv. 13-21*

A Visual Parable

Nationally in the Fig Tree

vv. 12-14

Personally in the Temple

vv. 15-19

Man is Born a Body, Soul & Spirit

with the Body conciseness uppermost... But when God invades a man, He challenges him to enter into a Spirit uppermost relationship.

What Went Wrong:

Israel had gotten away from God but had stayed "Religious"

Hebrews 4:2

For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

(It Became a Burden, a Bore, a Duty...)

Nationally in the Fig Tree;

Verses 12-14

*The Tree fully leafed means that fruit would have been present because the fig tree produces its fruit first, then its leaves - **deception!***

Verse 13

"...Perhaps He would find something on it"

Verse 14

*The curse comes upon this tree not for being barren, but for being **Misleading, Hypocritical and False!***

Luke 13:6-9

"A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground? ⁸ But the keeper answered and said to him, Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down."

**He Will Come To Us All In Time Seeking Fruit;
He has invested His Own Word in us!**

(Can you quote a verse this morning, What are you doing about making that verse reality in your life)

Galatians 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Personally in the Temple;

Verse 15-19

Continuing the Indictment on Hypocrisy,
He comes against the mismanagement of *the Temple, The Inner Life*

Verse 15

- ***Those who bought & sold;***
a reference regarding those who provided bulls, sheep & goats
- ***The Moneychangers;***
(exchangers) would take foreign currency and replace it for local coinage,
- ***Those who sold doves;***
ripping off the poor

Israel was not His chosen people for *exclusion*,
but for *diffusion*... of the truth,

What about our **church**, our **homes**, our **lives**. *Are we preventing others from coming closer to Him, are we leafy and big and fruitless and unable to feed those around us*

Proverbs 5:14

I was on the verge of total ruin, in the midst of the assembly and congregation.

Verse 17

Jesus Quoting Jeremiah 7:10-11 & Isaiah 56:7

There are two interesting N.T. words referring to this crime

- #1 *Kleptees*; embezzler or Pilfer
- #2 *Leestees*; a robber or thief

This type of thief does his robbing by stealth or Fraud. Both words appear in;

John 10:1

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a *thief and a robber*.

Verse 18-19

Israel was outwardly fruitless as symbolized with the tree and inwardly corrupt as revealed in the temple

Astonished **GRK *ekplesso* (*ek-place'-so*);**
 to strike, to hit the head, to awaken

The Nation Israel;

2 Timothy 3:5

having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

B.) *The Remedy for Spiritual Neglect* *vv. 22-26*

Have Faith in God;

Verse 24

Psalm 37:4

Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Delight **GRK *anag* (*aw-nag'*);**
 to be soft or pliable, delicate, to sport

Galatians 5:6

...but faith works by love.

We are to be fishers of men.
We catch em' and the Lord cleans em'

"To Have Faith in God"... is the cure-all for fruitlessness and bareness of life.

The Temple Stuff, The Secret part had ceased;

- *No more private time with God,* • *No more fireside communion with Him,* • *No longer excited about the things of God*
- *No Longer reading the Bible*
- *No longer having personal Prayer*
- *No Longer going to Church*

Jeremiah 2:5 KJV

Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?

C.) *The Assurance we have in Him* vv. 24-26

A hopeful note; (To those who [THINK] they have sinned to far)

Acts 6:7 KJV

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem (chino hills) greatly; *and a great company of the priests became obedient to the faith.*

Obedient to the faith !!!

Home Coming; the way prepared, forgiveness!
Forgiveness is impossible outside of Jesus Christ

Phil 1:6

being *confident* of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

Confident

GRK *peitho* (*pi'-tho*);

to pacify, to yield too, to give up, to convince by argument

Psalm 138:8a

The LORD *will perfect* that which concerns me; your mercy, O LORD, endures forever;

Will perfect

HEB; *gamar* (*gaw-mar*');

to a full end, to the intended destination,

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

2 Peter 1:8

For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 1:12 KJV

I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am *persuaded* that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him

Persuaded

GRK *peitho* (*pi'-tho*);

to pacify, to yield too to give up! to convince by argument,

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, and let us *reason* together," says the LORD,
"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Reason

HEB *yakach* (*yaw-kahh*');

to convince, to plead to state the cause, to argue until winning

Application; How Do I We Bare Fruit

>>> Turn to John 15 1-8 <<<

Focus;

John 6:29

Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

Forgive;

This relationship with God is protected and prolific as long as we are operating in a realm of forgiveness.

The Key to a health, Victorious Christian walk is constant repentance which creates constant revival which is a state of being forgiven;

Psalm 66:18 KJV

If I harbor sin in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

Isaiah 59:1-2 KJV

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

Matthew 12:33

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

The Truth of The Matter is;
"God Has a Big Eraser"

- A.) 12-14 **Fruitlessness** invites Judgment
- B.) 20-23 True **faith** results in answered prayer
- C.) 24 Such faith inspires **Hope**
- D.) 25 **Love** is revealed by a forgiving spirit

James 5:20

... he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

"Forgiveness is the Natural (Supernatural) reaction of the truly Forgiven"

- J.D. Hibbs