

# *Dominion Seat of Favor*

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### *The Fig Tree-Matthew 21:18-22* *Luke 13:6-9.*

Is the Fig Tree fruitful or just leaves. In Matthew's Gospel, we encounter a moment that at first seems unusual, even startling. Jesus Christ approaches a fig tree looking for fruit. Finding none, He speaks a word, and the tree withers. This is not just a miracle; it is a message. It is a living parable, A warning, and A revelation. **Matthew 21:18-19** says: "Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only" In that culture, fig trees produced fruit before or with leaves. So, a tree full of leaves was advertising something: "I have fruit. "But when Jesus examined it, there was nothing there. **Luke 13:6-9-** Parable of the barren fig tree

**We will now look at the literal and symbolic meaning of the fig tree.**

#### **Literal Meaning of the Fig Tree**

On the surface, this is a real event:

- A real tree
- A real hunger
- A real judgment

Jesus demonstrates His authority over creation. The same voice that said, "Let there be light" now says, "Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward forever."

And immediately, the tree withers.

This shows us something important:  
God inspects what He creates.

#### **Symbolic Meaning: A Picture of Spiritual Hypocrisy**

The fig tree represents more than itself.

In Scripture, the fig tree often symbolizes God's people (**Hosea 9:10, Jeremiah 8:13**).

This tree had:

- Leaves (appearance)
- No fruit (substance)

It is a picture of:

- Religion without righteousness
- Activity without authenticity
- Appearance without obedience

In context, this happens right after Jesus confronts the religious leaders in the temple. So, the message is clear: God is not impressed with leaves, He is looking for fruit.

#### **1. God Expects Fruit from His People**

John 15:8 says:

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit"

Fruit is not optional, it is expected.

What is this fruit?

- Character (**Galatians 5:22-23**)
- Good works (**Colossians 1:10**)
- Souls won (**Proverbs 11:30**)
- Obedience (**Romans 6:22**)

A true believer does not just profess faith, they produce evidence of it.

#### **2. Leaves Can Fool People, But Not God**

The fig tree looked alive. From a distance, it looked productive.

But Jesus got close.

And that is where everything changed.

We may:

- Attend church
- Speak Christian language
- Carry a Bible
- Serve in ministry

But God is not measuring leaves, He is examining fruit.

#### **2 Timothy 3:5 says:**

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof..."

It is possible to look saved and still be barren.

#### **3. Fruitlessness Leads to Judgment**

Jesus did not ignore the tree. He judged it.

"Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward forever"

And immediately it withered.

This is a sobering truth:

- Fruitlessness is not neutral
- It is dangerous

John the Baptist said in **Matthew 3:10**:

"Every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire."

God is patient, but He is also just.

#### **4. Faith and Power Flow from True Connection**

After the fig tree withers, Jesus shifts the focus:

**Matthew 21:21-22:**

"If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed"

This teaches us:

True fruitfulness flows from genuine faith.

You cannot manufacture fruit.

You must be connected to Christ.

**John 15:5** says:

"I am the vine, ye are the branches... without me ye can do nothing."

#### **Are You Fruitful or Just Pretending?**

This is where the message becomes personal.

Ask yourself:

- Do I have spiritual fruit, or just religious activity?
- Has my life changed?
- Is there evidence of Christ in me?

Because one day, just like that fig tree,

God will come looking, not for leaves, but for fruit.

A fruitful believer shows:

- A transformed heart (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- A consistent walk (Galatians 5:16)
- A love for others (John 13:35)
- A hunger for God (Matthew 5:6)
- A life of obedience (John 14:15)

My dearly beloved, from Leaves to Life, the fig tree is not just a warning, it is an invitation. God is not trying to destroy you; He is calling you to bear fruit. Luke 13:6-9 speaks of a fig tree, that there is still opportunity, there's still grace and there's still time to become fruitful. God bless you all!!!

First Bible Reading: **Matthew 21:12-22**

Second Bible Reading: **Galatians 5: 16-26**

**2026 Motto**---This is my year of Divine

Fulfillment. According to Isaiah 55: 11, "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" According to Romans 8: 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. The glory and power of God protects and directs me this year and enable me to succeed in every aspect of my life. Almighty God covers me with his safety blanket this year and I abide under His shadow. I decree that this year is pleasant for me and my family. Wherever I go people see the glory of God shining upon my life. God's goodness favor and mercy rests upon me wherever I go this year. Almighty God makes a way for me to breakthrough in every aspect of my life. I am an overcomer. Grace and mercy are my daily companions. I abide everyday under the secret place of the most high God. The forces of heaven protect and defend me. This is a year of outstanding testimonies and triumph for me. I receive grace to walk with God faithfully and stand with God in prayer. 2026 delivers my expected blessings and miracles. My divine inheritance of peace and joy shall not be compromised. I reject spiritual, physical and financial embarrassment this year. According to Job 8:22; those that hate me shall be clothed with shame. I am not an image of failure, and I am not fashioned after the likeness of a God of the tail. I am the salt of the earth and inside of me is every Excellency of the power of God. According to Joel 2:4, my appearance is as the appearance of a horse, so I leap high like mighty men and if I fall upon the sword, it cannot hurt me. I seek first the Kingdom of God; therefore, everything I need is added unto me.

I shall not labor in vain. I walk every day in victory. God's plans for my destiny are fulfilled. Jehovah is

my rock and fortress. The everlasting God equips me and carries me through this year. I will not die prematurely; I experience all round wellness. It is well with me in Jesus mighty name.

#### REGULAR SERVICES:

Worker's prayer meeting @ 9.30 a.m. -10. 00a.m

Sunday School @ 10.00 a.m. -10.50 a.m.

Sunday Service@ 11.00a.m-12.30 p.m.

Digging Deep-Every Tuesday 7p.m-8p.m

Wednesday prayer meeting @ 7.30p.m-8. 00p.m

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Early morning cry-Every First Saturday of the month-7 a.m-8 a.m. prompt

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#### ORDER OF SERVICE

1. OPENING PRAYER
2. PRAISE AND WORSHIP
3. INTERCESSION
4. BIBLE READING
5. ANNOUNCEMENT
6. WELCOME OF GUESTS
7. OFFERING
8. SPECIAL MINISTRATION
9. CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
10. EXHORTATION
11. CLOSING GRACE AND BENEDICTION

#### Congregational Hymn

What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer

O what peace we often forfeit  
O what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

**JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TODAY, AND FOREVER" HEBREWS 13v8**