

## Withered Tree

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"...Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever..." Matthew 21:19

" 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, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. " Matthew 21:18-19

The fig tree is like those in the kingdom that look good from a far off, or good to the eye but once inspected more closely have no fruit. Not even buds, or un ripen fruit. NO fruit. This being terrible in the eye of Christ, he passed judgment on it.

His statement "Let no fruit grow on thee henceforth..." indicates that this tree once did bear fruit.

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" And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!" Matthew 21:20

Then "Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matthew 21:21-22

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Father I pray in the name of Jesus Christ that we would not be fruitless trees but that all who are hungry can come and eat their fill of your bounty. Teach us Lord to live out the truth of Galatians 2:20 " I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." For if we try to live the life within ourselves we will be the barren tree. Father work a mighty work in us so we can be the trees that give forth the bounty that none should go hungry. In Jesus Name, Amen.