WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE FIG TREE?

Matthew 24:32-36

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

- 33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.
- 34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.
- 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.
 - 36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Mark 11:12-14

- 2 And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:
- 13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet.
- 14 And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.

MIC&H 7:1-4

WOE IS ME! FOR I AM AS WHEN THEY HAVE GATHERED THE SUMMER FRUITS, AS THE GRAPEGLEANINGS OF THE VINTAGE: THERE IS NO CLUSTER TO EAT: MY SOUL DESIRED THE FIRSTRIPE FRUIT.

2 THE GOOD MAN IS PERISHED OUT OF THE EARTH: AND THERE IS NONE UPRIGHT AMONG MEN: THEY ALL LIE IN WAIT FOR BLOOD; THEY HUNT EVERY MAN HIS BROTHER WITH A NET. 3 THAT THEY MAY DO EVIL WITH BOTH HANDS EARNESTLY, THE PRINCE ASKETH, AND THE JUDGE ASKETH FOR A REWARD; AND THE GREAT MAN, HE UTTERETH HIS MISCHIEVOUS DESIRE: SO THEY WRAP IT UP.

4 THE BEST OF THEM IS AS A BRIER: THE MOST UPRIGHT IS SHARPER THAN A THORN HEDGE: THE DAY OF THY WATCHMEN AND THY VISITATION COMETH; NOW SHALL BE THEIR PERPLEXITY.



DOES THIS PROPHETIC WARNING HOLD ANY SIGNIFICANCE FOR US?

BUT WE HAVE TO BEWARE THAT CONFUSING RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES AND RIGID RULE KEEPING SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS WITHOUT TRUE FRUIT IS & VERY REAL DANGER!

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS IN DANGER OF AN EMPTY LEGALISM REPLACING A VIBRANT RELATIONSHIP! SO, WHAT IS THE WAY TO AVOID OR HEED THE WARNING OF THE WITHERED FIG TREE?



2 EVERY BRANCH IN ME THAT BEARETH NOT FRUIT HE TAKETH AWAY: AND EVERY BRANCH THAT BEARETH FRUIT, HE PURGETH IT, THAT IT MAY BRING FORTH MORE FRUIT.

3 NOW YE ARE CLEAN THROUGH THE WORD WHICH I HAVE SPOKEN UNTO YOU.

4 ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOU. AS THE BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT OF ITSELF, EXCEPT IT ABIDE IN THE VINE; NO MORE CAN YE, EXCEPT YE ABIDE IN ME.

5 I AM THE VINE, YE ARE THE BRANCHES: HE THAT ABIDETH IN ME, AND I IN HIM, THE SAME BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT: FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING.

In other words: *WE MUST LOOK NOT TO DO BETTER AND TRY HARDER BUT TO KNOW JESUS MORE!

Is any aspect of what this fig tree represents true in your life?

When Jesus comes and searches YOU, will He find fruit on your branches?

Will He find faith?

Remain humbly connected to Jesus, our Vine, and His Spirit will grow in you the very fruit He is looking for!