

A Christian's Daily First Fruits

“Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me”, Exodus 22:29.

“And when any will offer a meat offering unto the Lord, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense thereon”, Leviticus 2:1.

In the first Scripture, God declares that the first ripe fruits, those whom you have brought to the Lord, and trained in his Word shall be presented to the Lord for Him to use.

In the second Scripture, God declares that they shall be as pure as fine flour, be filled with the Spirit, and exude the love of God to all they come into contact with.

As we live in the New Testament era, I believe that the Lord looks for three fruits from His People as their first fruits of the day.

Paul, writing to the Galatian Church listed nine fruits of the Spirit that have been given freely to the Christian, “...love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance”, Galatians 5:22-23.

I believe that our daily first fruits the Lord would be looking for are,

1. Thanking Him for preparing us for the day,
2. Thanking Him for giving us a passage from His Word as our inspiration for the day,
3. Thanking Him for His presence with us as we talk to Him (Prayers and supplications).

Consider the following.

There would very few who will read this article who do not drive. In fact, the majority who will read this article, will, at the appropriate time front up to a person at a desk to renew their driving licence.

After a couple of questions, they will be asked to sit in front of a camera for their photo to be taken! I think I could safely say that there would not be one person who thought that the camera was the worst picture producer on this planet.

In the fifty odd years that I have been obtaining a driving licence. It has been a universal complaint from both myself , AND THOSE AROUND ME!

They are not there to show what we believe to be our best profiles. They are not stuck in that little book as a 'glamour profile'.

Friend, hold tight, it is going to get worse, if you are prepared to consider the matter a little deeper.

Your spirit is looking at YOU. It is seeing you as God sees you.

If you are not prepared to offer God daily first fruits to start your day, then what sort of picture will He have of YOU.

If we are sincere, and offer the Lord our daily first fruits, then I believe the Lord will have a much better looking image of us before Him.

The Scriptures tell us, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and

replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so", Genesis 1:26-30.

Two Scriptures take us beyond the above point,

"And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day", Genesis 1:31.

The Scriptures, after man had sinned, state "And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.

And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:

And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by", Exodus 33:20-22.

Leaving us with the parallel,

God CREATED us,

Satan DEFORMED us,

Our Heavenly Father sent His Son to reverse the DEFORMATION.

That through our use of 'daily first fruits' we will be able to bring forth an abundance of our spiritual fruits.