

THE DISCERNMENT OF THE FRUIT

by Mike Abbaduska

1st printing, January, 1997

2nd printing, January 2005

3rd printing January 2007

Published by:

Assembly of Yah

2695 N 2409th Rd

Marseilles, IL 61341

1-815-357-9926

E-mail askyah@pcwildblue.com

Internet: Assemblyofyah.com

THE DISCERNMENT OF THE FRUIT

Our responsibility is to believe in Yahshua and keep His words, that we may be mature and bring forth much fruit. But, we are also to be mature and discern between good fruit and bad fruit, when it comes to good and evil around us. What is good fruit and where does it come from? Can a real believer bring forth bad fruit? If one brings forth bad fruit, is he really converted? Is he really a believer or is he a worker of Satan?

Hebrews 5:14, "But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

Yes, as the Word says, and we have said many times, we are to exercise our senses in the Spirit, using discernment to see and differentiate between good and evil. There is good fruit and there is bad fruit within the Assembly, but most of the time we choose to ignore that fact and just enjoy ourselves and avoid anything that would upset us. We close our eyes to the wickedness that is about us. But, Yahweh, through Peter said to be sober (alert) and be vigilant (watching) for our adversary, the devil, walketh about seeking whom he may devour. (I Peter 5:8) We need, and are commanded to do, this watching because Satan comes with his demons and workers of iniquity to lie, to steal our joy and destroy our faith. We need to not only be on guard, but ready to judge righteous judgment and keep the Assembly clean of open sin, rebellion and workers of darkness. If we do not, the Assemblies of Yahweh will turn into houses of every caged and foul bird. (evil creatures) This is already happening in our Assemblies. We are not exercising the judgment of open sin, nor are we stopping the evil teachings of Satan right under our nose. Are you tired of not being really blessed at the Feasts? Are you surprised that there are sickness, colds, and trouble at the Assemblies and at the Feasts? Let us see why and what we can and must do about this.

Satan can lie to us and, if we believe him, we will not worship in Spirit and truth! Worshipping in Spirit and truth is mandatory for a believer to have true fellowship with Yahweh. (John 4:23) Second, we need joy to sustain us and encourage others who are burdened, and Satan wants to steal this, so that he can bring us down to the depths of despair for the next step of finality.

Then, after we have lost our joy in hope and promise, he attacks our faith, that we may depart into death. Without faith, we cannot be saved. We know we are saved by faith. (Ephesians 2:8) The main theme of this article is this: Satan has

workers that can be identified and proven. The problem again is that most, including the ministry, have hidden their eyes and closed their ears to the evil works of darkness and therefore they will not test or reprove them, as it is commanded. This is part of the ministries' duties, to protect the flock and keep the ones that would defile out!

Ephesians 5:11, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

II Timothy 4:2, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine."

How can we reprove, rebuke, and examine if we cover our eyes and will not see? For, we must see the fruits of others to be able to keep all the law and the commandments, as believers and true ministers of the Word and faith.

We must see the fruits of others and understand three very biblical laws. If we see and understand these laws, we will have greater discernment and discretion.

The first law is that of Discernment:

Luke 6:44, "For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes."

Luke 6:43, "For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

Matthew 7:18, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

This is very clear. A real believer, who is following the law and the Spirit, filled with the fruits of righteousness, cannot bring forth evil or bad fruits! In fact Yahweh said not to mix your seed, for it is confusion and confusion is of the devil. The mixing is forbidden and it is a spiritual law that good works of the Spirit cannot be mixed with bad fruits from the same tree or person!

Deuteronomy 22:9, "Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled."

Did we read this and understand? If we mix good seed and other seed, we can be defiled. If we apply this teaching in the spirit, we understand that we are not to

allow others to mix good and evil in the Assembly, nor in our selves. Yahweh says that we are to be holy and pure and not mix the seed, nor good works with evil works, nor real believers with evil workers.

It is all the same teaching and commandment. Look at the wedding feast. The man without the wedding garment (covering in righteousness) was cast out. (Matthew 22:11-13)

The second law of discernment:

You will know them by their fruits.

Matthew 7:20, "Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them."

If we watch the fruit a person brings forth, we can tell if they are of good or evil. This is not to be confused with a new believer that is still changing or one that has a wrong teaching or is ignorant about a subject. A real believer will want to be corrected and reprov'd; it will be as fine ointment upon him. But, one who is not in the walk and Spirit of Yahweh will strive, argue and accuse a brother that is trying to help. Or they will say that they have hidden truth, and we do not understand deeper things. Finally, they will not take or recognize the authority of a truly called Minister of Yahweh. They will deny the power thereof. They will be out of order sooner or later. We can easily use the commandments and teachings of Yahshua to see what the fruit is.

The third law of discernment is:

Unless they walk and live in Messiah (abide) they cannot produce good fruits of righteousness.

John 15:4-5, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear (good) fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 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."

So we see that unless a man be in Messiah, he cannot produce good works, or good fruit.

Isaiah 64:6, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."

Through this statement in Isaiah, we see that unless we are in faith and following the law and testimony, and doing works out of faith in Messiah, all our works are as filthy rags. Therefore, if an unbeliever or evil worker in the Assembly tries to do good works, his fruit or works is not counted as righteousness, if he is a deceitful worker. It is not a good work at all, for it is not done in faith. Let us say that an unbeliever takes food to a food bank for the poor. This is not a righteous act, for it is not done in Messiah. Charity does cover a multitude of sins, but this only applies to the believer, for it is written for the believer in the Bible, a closed and spiritual book. It is written, we are saved by grace through faith and that not of ourselves. Another man we know who teaches Mormonism, a demonic teaching, went and taught at a Sabbath meeting the meaning and importance of the Names. He was held up as a hero. Later that night, he openly blasphemed the Holy Spirit, by saying that there is NO divine communication from heaven.

And he further said that he did not recognize any man as a minister or an authority given by Yahweh! This is blasphemy. Was he able to do a good work? No. He is an enemy of the faith, and worker of iniquity. Should he be put out of the Assembly...?

It is our Father's desire that we should produce much fruit, some unto thirty fold, some unto sixty fold and some unto a hundred. But, we can only do it by faith in Yahshua Messiah and His teachings. The devils also believe and tremble, but they are not saved, nor can they do a good work. This man did not do a good work, because he does not believe Yahshua or His teachings.

John 15:2, "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."

In all this discussion of fruit, we should look at what the scriptures say about what fruit is and how to recognize it. There is fruit of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance..."

These things are of the Spirit, or we could say of the Father Himself. Love comes from Yahshua and the Father. We love Him, His law, testimony and the brethren. Joy is of the Holy Spirit, because the world only gives temporary happiness, but the joy of the Spirit is from above, righteous and easy to be entreated. Peace has many meanings, but we now have peace with Him, with whom at one time we were enemies. Also, we have peace through study of the

scripture in blessings, promises and hope. And in an important way, we can have peace in the Assembly, if unrighteousness is judged and not allowed to go unchecked. Finally we know that Yahweh is in charge and all things work to good for those who love Him and keep His commandments (Romans 8:28). Goodness here is Strong's number 19, which means uprightness of heart, life and kindness. It is not loving Yahweh to let the Assemblies be defiled by the wicked and the rebellious. We have men teaching another Yahshua, or no Yahshua (oneness=Father died, not the son), right in the congregations.

Other fruits of the Spirit includes righteousness, keeping the whole law and testimony of Yahweh.

Isaiah 8:20, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

Ecclesiastes 12:13, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Yahweh, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

Galatians 1:8, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

These scripture shows us that there are many facets to a believer's life that must be right or in the process of change unto Yahweh's will and righteousness. But, if a man is double minded and says one thing and lives another, he is unconverted, or he is a liar. If he comes with another doctrine or teaching that the apostles did not teach, he is a deceiver. If he comes in the Name of Yahweh and has not Yahshua, he is a blasphemer and has a spirit of anti-Messiah. (2 John 7) [The teaching of Oneness is a demonic Babylonian teaching. And the one who believes it does not have salvation and he is not a brother.] We can also see if one is led by the Spirit of Truth or the Spirit of Error, by how he may believe. Does he believe in Oneness? Does he believe in non-virgin birth? Does he believe, as some ministers falsely teach to their destruction and the subversion of others, that there was no pre-existence of Messiah!? Please think about these doctrines. Are they biblical? What Satan wants to do is destroy the divinity of Yahshua. If Yahshua is not a Mighty One, He could not have died for us. If He is not the Son, as Oneness says, but really the Father, it makes Yahweh a liar and the scriptures null and void. Is this the kind of person you want to fellowship with? Yahweh commands that we should not fellowship with these!! (2 John 7-11)

2 Peter 2:17, "These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever."

We have seen that there is natural discernment that we can use, taught by the scripture. We can watch, verify, and examine, to see if a brother is true or if he is a false brother and a deceiver. Many of these teachings are in the parable of the fruit.

Matthew 7:15-23, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? (false teachers, deceivers, blasphemers, adulterers) Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Master, Master, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Master, Master, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

In conclusion, we need to thoroughly understand why we need to, and even are commanded to, discern the fruits of faith and righteousness. Let us see the reasons.

1. We are commanded to get off the milk and grow up, exercising our senses to discern between good and evil. (Hebrews 5:14)
2. We are commanded to be sober and vigilant because Satan, as a lion goes about to destroy believers. (I Peter 5:8)
3. We are commanded not to eat, fellowship or salute a false brother who has not taken the judgment of counsel, or has blasphemed the Kodesh Spirit, or has a spirit of Anti-Messiah. (Matthew 18:17, Matthew 12:31, 2 John 9-11)
4. We can, by association, defile the Feasts, the Sanctuary, and the Assembly (sin in the camp) ourselves, if we fellowship with those who live in open sin and rebellion. (2 Peter 2:13)

Finally, we see that the seed is not to be mixed. (We see that we are not, in

parallel, to interracially marry.) We are to be separate from the world and put sin out of our lives. We are not to profane ourselves with associations and fellowships with false brethren who are enemies of the faith. A little leaven leavens the whole lump. Would you like to be deceived by someone who would come and seduce you away from the truth, right in your own Assembly? These are your Spiritual enemies that can kill you!

Be sure about some very important facts. He that does not have Yahshua does not have the Father. (Those who, take away from the divinity of Yahshua make Him just a man.) That is what the Jews say. He was just a teacher they say, therefore they do not have salvation, yet. Those who think that Yahshua is not Yahshua, a separate person, but only the Father, many times believe that we are not saved, because we do not accept Oneness. Many are falling for this filth and being deceived...and losing their spiritual life!

I Timothy 4:1, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;"

2 Thessalonians 2:3, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first..."

The phrase, "there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" applies to the ones who thought they had it all, and they did not even have Yahshua!

Protect yourselves from evil and clean up the House of Yahweh!

Be careful, the enemies that you have may be the members of your own house. (Assembly) Matthew 10:36

Most of all, we are not to hide our heads in the sand from what is going on around us and in the Assembly. As we have said, Yahweh does not slumber nor sleep.

He also works and sees what goes on in Sabbath meetings and the Feasts. We must exercise discernment and judgment, even in the Feasts, that we may follow all the law of Yahweh and be not defiled. If you see something that is out of order or open sin going un-addressed, challenge the ministers and the Assembly to confront the issue. Yes, if we allow these things to go on we are also defiled and partake of their sins by agreement. And no matter what else we do, we are under condemnation. Pray for more wisdom, counsel, knowledge and discernment of evil and good.

Booklets available from:

Assembly of Yah

2695 N 2409th Rd

Marseilles, IL 61341

1-815-357-9926

E-mail askyah@pcwildblue.com

Internet: Assemblyofyah.com

1. Faith That Does Not Save
2. The Covenants of Yahweh
3. Laws From the Beginning
4. Unforgiveness
5. Inheritance of the Elect