



Daily Reflections

June 27, 2018

Scripture

Matthew 7: 7-15

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but underneath are ravenous wolves.

By their fruits you will know them.

Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

Just so, every good tree bears good fruit, and a rotten tree bears bad fruit.

A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a rotten tree bear good fruit.

Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

So by their fruits you will know them."

Our Scripture Reflection

How were the early disciples able to witness to Jesus with such great energy and without fear? Because they had repented of their sins and gotten themselves right with Him. Their hearts were filled with love for Jesus. Do you want to be a vibrant witness to Him today? Then get right with Him immediately. He is waiting for You!

Food for your Journey

Asking a Christian believer to "prove the resurrection" is akin to asking a family member to "prove that you love me." It's not so much a factual, forensic sort of truth as it is an emotional and spiritual one.

In Maryland, along the shores of the Chesapeake, there is an army base known as Aberdeen Proving Ground. It's where the U.S. Army has, since World War I, tested a great deal of its "ordnance" -- its artillery shells and other weapons that explode.

A proving ground is where you try something out to see if it works. Yes, there is a great deal of rational, scientific study and research that goes into developing weapons. Yet, no one is completely sure they will perform as promised until they are "proven" -- until they're actually tried out in real-world conditions.

The proof of Jesus' resurrection is discovered not by weighing the evidence in ancient manuscripts, nor in discoveries culled from the latest archaeological dig. Rather, it is in taking the remarkable testimony we have received and trying it out, seeing if it bears fruit in our lives. We prove the resurrection not by standing back and running rational, scientific tests upon it. Rather, we prove the resurrection by resolving to live as though it is true -- and subsequently learning, from experience, that indeed it is.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, I pray to You for the forgiveness of my sins and shortcomings. Help me, Lord, with Your Grace to be so close to Your heart that I cannot not help but tell others about You. Amen