

The End of Summer Fruit

1) The Vision – v. 1-3

2) The Indictment – v. 4-6

a) Their title – v. 4

b) Their character – v. 5-6

- Disdain for the Spiritual Graces
- Disregard of one's Fellow Man

3) The Judgment – v. 7-14

a) Statement of Full Accountability – v. 7

b) Sending of Calamity – v. 8-10

- Earthquake (?) – v. 8

- Eclipse – v. 9

- Grief – v. 10

c) Removal of Hope – v. 11-14

- Famine of the Word – v. 11-13

- Removal of False Religion – v. 14

Praxis

1. What are some things that you don't really want to see or think about, but its really good for you?
2. If Israel had "new moon" and "sabbath", etc., what are some of God's similar "spiritual graces" in our day?
3. Why do we tend to disdain the spiritual graces? How do we? Share something that helps them be meaningful for you? What makes them meaningful for God?
4. Discuss what our fellow man (especially a man of low standing) deserves from us (consider how you normally treat friends). How might we be unwittingly "cheating" him of that?
5. If we have a storehouse of the "words of the Lord," then real practically, how might you share from your storehouse with one who is in a personal famine of the Word? in the coming week? in the coming year? over the next few years?