

# Isaiah

## “The Evangelical Prophet”

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#### Pt. 1→1) The **Song** of the **Lord’s Vineyard** (5:1-7)

5 Let me *sing* now for my well-beloved  
A **song** of my beloved concerning **His vineyard**

**My well-beloved** had a **vineyard** on a fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup> **He dug** it all around, removed its stones,  
And **planted** it with the *choicest vine*.

And **He built** a tower in the middle of it  
And also **hewed out** a wine vat in it;

Then **He expected** it to produce *good grapes*,  
But it **produced** *only worthless ones*.

<sup>3</sup> “And now, **O inhabitants** of Jerusalem and men of Judah,  
**Judge** between *Me* and *My vineyard*.”

<sup>4</sup>“What **more** was there **to do** for **My vineyard** that **I have not done** in it?  
**Why**, when **I expected** *it* to produce **good grapes** did it produce **worthless ones**?

<sup>5</sup>“So now **let Me tell you** what I am going to **do** to **My vineyard**:

I will **remove its hedge** and it will **be consumed**;  
I will **break down its wall** and it will become **trampled ground**.

<sup>6</sup>“I will **lay it waste**;  
It will **not** be **pruned** or **hoed**

But **briars** and **thorns** will come up.  
I will also **charge** the **clouds** to **rain no rain** on it.”

<sup>7</sup>For the **vineyard** of the **LORD of hosts** is the **house of Israel**  
And the **men of Judah** His **delightful plant**.

Thus **He looked** for **justice**, but behold, **bloodshed**;  
For **righteousness**, but behold, **a cry of distress**.

## The New Testament *Connection*: Messiah’s Parable of the **Vineyard** (Matthew 21: 33-43)

<sup>33</sup>“Listen to **another parable**. There was a **landowner**  
who **PLANTED A VINEYARD** AND PUT A **WALL AROUND IT**  
AND DUG A **WINE PRESS** IN IT, AND BUILT A **TOWER**,  
and **rented it** out to **vine-growers** and went on a **journey**.

<sup>34</sup>When the **harvest time** approached,  
**he sent his slaves** to the **vine-growers** to receive **his produce**.

<sup>35</sup>The **vine-growers** took **his slaves** and **beat one**,  
and **killed another**, and **stoned a third**.

<sup>36</sup>Again **he sent another group** of **slaves** larger than the first;  
and they did the **same thing** to them.

<sup>37</sup>But afterward **he sent his son** to them, saying,  
‘They will **respect my son**.’

<sup>38</sup>But when the **vine-growers** saw the **son**, they said among themselves,  
‘This is the **heir**; come, let us **kill him** and **seize his inheritance**.’

<sup>39</sup>They **took him**, and **threw him out** of the **vineyard** and **killed him**.

<sup>40</sup> Therefore when the **owner** of the **vineyard** comes,  
**what will *he do* to those *vine-growers*?**”

<sup>41</sup> They said to **Him**,  
“**He will bring those *wretches* to a *wretched end*,**  
and will **rent out** the **vineyard** to ***other vine-growers***  
who will **pay him** the **proceeds** at the ***proper seasons...***”

<sup>43</sup> Therefore **I say** to you,  
the **kingdom of God** will be **taken away** from **you**  
and **given** to a **people**, producing the **fruit** of it.

## Personal Application ***Bearing Good Fruit* for the Lord**

A. ***Bearing good fruit* for God** involves being “**connected**” to the “***true vine***  
(the Messiah)” by **faith**, and **walking in obedience to Him** as **His disciple**.

“**I am the true vine**, and **My Father** is the **vinedresser**.  
Every **branch in Me** that does **not *bear fruit***, **He *takes away***;  
and **every *branch*** that ***bears fruit***,  
**He *prunes it*** so that it may ***bear more fruit***.  
You are already **clean** because of the **word** which I have **spoken to you**.

**Abide in Me**, and **I in you**. As the **branch *cannot bear fruit*** of itself  
unless it **abides in the vine**, so neither *can* you unless you **abide in Me**.

**I am the vine**, **you** are the ***branches***; he who **abides in Me**  
and **I in him**, he ***bears much fruit***, for ***apart from Me*** you can ***do nothing...***

If you **abide in Me**, and **My words abide in you**, **ask** whatever you wish,  
and it will be **done for you**. **My Father** is **glorified** by this,  
that you **bear *much fruit***, and so **prove** to be **My disciples**. (John 15:1-5, 7-8)

B. ***Bearing good fruit*** involves **walking *according* to the word of the Lord**,  
and **growing** in the **knowledge of God**.

How ***blessed*** is the **man** who does **not walk** in the ***counsel*** of the **wicked**,  
**nor stand** in the ***path of sinners***, nor **sit** in the ***seat of scoffers!***

But **his delight** is in the **law of the LORD**,  
and in **His law** he ***meditates day and night***.

He will be like a **tree *firmly planted*** by **streams of water**,  
which **yields its fruit** in its **season**  
and its **leaf** does ***not wither***,  
and in whatever **he does**, he  ***prospers***. (Psalm 1:1-3)

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For this reason also, since the day **we heard of it (Your faith)**, we have **not ceased to pray for you** and to ask that you may be **filled** with the **knowledge of His will** in all **spiritual wisdom** and **understanding**,

so that you will **walk** in a manner **worthy of the Lord**, to **please Him** in all respects, **bearing fruit** in every **good work** and **increasing** in the **knowledge of God**; (Colossians 1:9-10)

- C. **Bearing fruit** for **God** involves **serving** in a **new relationship** with **Him** through **His Spirit**.

Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to **die to the Law through the body of Messiah**, so that you might be **joined to another, to Him** who was **raised from the dead**, in order that **we might bear fruit for God...**

But now we have been **released** from the **Law**, having **died** to that by which we were bound, so that **we serve in newness** of the **Spirit** and **not in oldness** of the **letter**. (Romans 7:4, 6)

- D. **Bearing good fruit** for **God** means having **our lives characterized** by **godliness, righteousness**, and the **“fruit”** of the **Spirit**.

But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will **not** carry out the **desire** of the **flesh...**  
...the **fruit** of the **Spirit** is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control**, **against** such things there is **no law**. (Galatians 5:16, 22-23)

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..for you were formerly **darkness**, but **now** you are **Light** in the **Lord**; **walk** as **children of Light** (for the **fruit** of the **Light** **consists** in all **goodness** and **righteousness** and **truth**), trying to **learn** what is **pleasing to the Lord**. (Ephesians 5:8-10)

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And this **I pray**, that your **love** may **abound** still more and more in **real knowledge** and **all discernment**, so that you may **approve** the things that are **excellent**, in order to be **sincere** and **blameless** until the **day of Messiah**;

having been **filled** with the **fruit of righteousness** which **comes through Jesus the Messiah**, to the **glory** and **praise of God**. (Philippians 1:9-11)

- E. **Bearing fruit** means that you **involved** in **multiplying disciples** through the **message** and **work** of **evangelism**.

I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to **come to you...** so that **I may obtain** some **fruit** among **you also**, even as among the **rest** of the **Gentiles**. (Romans 1:13)

