

WILD GRAPES

Text: Isaiah 5:1-7

INTRO: God's people in O.T. times were likened to a vineyard which produced wild grapes. God's people today are also likened to a vineyard with Christ as the vine and Christians as the branches. God looks for fruits. Will he find good fruit, or wild grapes?

I. WILD GRAPES OF MATERIALISM, vs. 8-10.

Luke 12:15, And He said to them, "Take heed & beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

MT 6:19-21, 33; 1 Tim. 6:10

II. WILD GRAPES OF DRUNKENNESS, vs. 11-17.

1 Cor. 6:10, drunkards... will [not] inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal 5:21, drunkenness... those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

PROVERBS 23:29-34, Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who linger long at the wine, Those who go in search of mixed wine. Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it swirls around smoothly; At the last it bites like a serpent, And stings like a viper. Your eyes will see strange things, And your heart will utter perverse things. Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, Or like one who lies at the top of the mast, saying: "They have struck me, but I was not hurt; They have beaten me,

but I did not feel it. When shall I
awake, that I may seek another drink?"

1 Pet 4:3, For we have spent enough of
our past lifetime in doing the will of
the Gentiles--when we walked in lewdness,
lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking
parties, & abominable idolatries.

III. WILD GRAPES OF IRREVERENCE, vs. 18-19.

2 Pet 1:3-4 Scoffers will come in the
last days, walking according to their own
lusts, & saying, "Where is the promise
of His coming? For since the fathers fell
asleep, all things continue as they were
from the beginning of creation."

IV. WILD GRAPES OF MISPLACED VALUES, vs. 20.

- A. new morality, situation ethics, etc.
- B. homosexuality: sin, sickness,
alternate lifestyle...
- C. adultery: sin, affair, meaningful
relationship, "seeing" "sig. other"
- D. fornication: love. Fornicator is a
"lover." No. No. God is a lover.
Those who engage in sex outside of
marriage are fornicators.

Not inherit kingdom, GAL. 5:19-21;
REV. 21:8

V. WILD GRAPES OF WORLDLY WISDOM, vs. 21.

Rom 1:22-25m Professing to be wise, they
became fools, & changed the glory of the
incorruptible God into an image made like
corruptible man--and birds and 4-footed
animals & creeping things. Therefore God
also gave them up to uncleanness, in the
lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their
bodies among themselves, who exchanged
the truth of God for the lie, & worshiped
& served the creature rather than the

Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

1 Cor 1:18-25, For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, & bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world thru wisdom did not know God, it pleased God thru the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, & Greeks seek after wisdom; but

we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews & Greeks, Christ the power of God & the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

VI. WILD GRAPES OF PERVERTED JUSTICE vs. 22-23

- A. Samuel's sons perverted justice for a bribe, 1 Sam 8:1-3
- B. Solomon described the attitude of such rulers: A feast is made for laughter, & wine makes merry, but money answers everything. (Eccl. 10:19).
- C. The Jewish high priest bribed Judas to betray Christ. Then he sought out false witnesses who would lie against Him. Finally He declared Him guilty on one count, then turned Him over to Pilate with an altogether different accusation.
- D. Pilate knew Jesus had done nothing wrong. He knew it was envy on the part of the Jewish leaders that caused them to accuse Jesus. But for political reasons, he passed the death sentence & Jesus was led away to be crucified.
- E. Felix saw that there was nothing to the accusation the Jews made against Paul, but he kept Paul in prison because "he hoped that money would be given him by Paul that he might release him" (Acts 24:26).
- F. Some today who claim to be servants of God are not above bending the law, paying a bribe or taking a bribe...

but God's attitude toward such has not changed.

Prov. 17:15, He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the just, both of them alike are an abomination to the Lord.

CONCLUSION: vs. 24. The nation of Israel was destroyed less than 20 years after Isaiah wrote this passage of Scripture. Israel did not have to die, but they chose a course that led to death, and they stayed on that course until its inevitable result became a reality.

READ JOHN 15:1-8.

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