

Parable of the Vine – John 15

Joh 15:1-8 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, 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, 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, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Israel was the original vine

Ps 80:8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations, and planted it.

- Did not produce fruit unto righteousness

Mt 21:33-43 Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit.

And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.

Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them.

Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'

So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD'S doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.

Romans 11:13-24 –Gentiles grafted in

Jesus is the True vine

Isa 61:3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

Isa 60:21 Also your people shall all be righteous; They shall inherit the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified.

A little one shall become a thousand, And a small one a strong nation. I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time."

“The vine is the glory of the husbandman; the branch is the glory of the vine; the fruit is the glory of the branch”

Husbandman

- Husbandman plants the vine
- Husbandman oversees the vineyard (the vine)
- Husbandman prunes the branches not the vine
- Husbandman only identifies with the branches through the vine (he sees the **WHOLE** as the vine) (fruit of the vine)
Branches share the same identity as the vine

Vine:

- The vine grows stronger so as to support the branches (who bear the fruit)
- The vine and the husbandman get the credit for the fruit not the branches
- The vine is the glory of the husbandman
- The branch is the glory of the vine
- The vine stores all that the branch needs for itself to produce and endure

Branches:

perfect conformity

perfect likeness

undoubting confidence

- Branches are identical perfect likeness to the vine in every aspect
- Branches connected to the vine do not have to work to produce fruit
- The branch conforms to the vine not the other way around (wild branches are “removed”)
- Branches receives it’s life from the vine
- Branches share the life of the vine
- The branches only purpose is to bear fruit
- Only disciples bear fruit not the vine
- Fruit grows on the branches not the vine
- The branches sustenance is not for itself but for the fruit
- The branch cannot bear fruit without receiving from the vine

Disciple is one who has been trained by the Master and he becomes like His Master

Fruit:

- Fruit is for the Husbandman’s use
- Fruit is not for the branches enjoyment but for others outside the vineyard
- It is the fruit that brings life to others
- Fruit represents the “skill and knowledge” of the husbandman
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Word is the sustenance Parable of Sower –Mrk 4

Pruning:

- Pruning is not to remove sin – the cross did that
- It is our own religious activity, as fruit is developed in the very act of bearing fruit.
It is this that must be cut down and cleansed away.
parable of the fig tree –no fruit just the appearance of having fruit –religion
- Pruning only purpose is to enhances the ability of the vine to produce fruit
- Pruning causes all sustenance to flow to the fruit
- Pruning is a seasonal ongoing process to enhance maximum quantity & quality of the fruit

Pruning knife:

- Pruning knife is not adversity it is the **WORD**
- Sharper than a two edge sword soul from marrow
- Word tried and cleansed
Eph 5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,
Ps 119:9 How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

Taking heed (shamar) to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. attend to, guard; to protect,

Abide:

- Branches are grafted to the vine
- Grafting causes the branch to be one with the vine
- Abiding has to do with conforming to the Word so as to stay in relationship to the vine