

## Understanding Vines - Lesson 22 - Chapter 15

Horticultural Tutelage	Scriptural Illustrations	Allegorical Discernment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- pruning - is done to produce more fruit</li> <li>- cutting off - bad, non productive, it takes nourishment from the fruit</li> <li>- trimming off that which is furthest away from the vine</li> <li>- it is done in the springtime</li> <li>- pest management</li> <li>- walls were built with a tower - protection from destructive animals and people</li> <li>- nothing else was planted with the vines</li> <li>- vines produced for the benefit of the owner</li> <li>- owner know his vines</li> <li>- needs irrigation</li> <li>- needs nutrients</li> <li>- it needs constant attention</li> <li>- the harvest needs to be monitored</li> <li>- some of the vineyards have their own wine vats</li> </ul>	<p>Isaiah 5:1-7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- hillsides</li> <li>- dug it and removed stones</li> <li>- planted it with choice vines</li> <li>- built a tower and wine vat</li> <li>- expected it to produce good fruit</li> </ul> <p>Ps 80:8-16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it needs to be protected</li> </ul> <p>Ez 15:1-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the branches cut off from the vine are useless</li> <li>- no good for fire</li> <li>- no good to make anything</li> <li>- can't even use it to hang anything</li> </ul>	<p>allegory = a picture of a spiritual application using an earthly example</p> <p>True Vine = Jesus</p> <p>Vinedresser = God</p> <p>Branches bear fruit = Believers</p> <p>Branches that don't =</p> <p><b><u>Context</u></b></p> <p>John 13 - last supper - all disciples are there</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- washing of the feet - not all of you are clean</li> <li>- while eating - one of you will betray me</li> <li>- whatever you need to do, do it quickly</li> <li>- Judas is gone</li> </ul> <p>John 14 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- let not your heart be troubled</li> <li>- time of comfort- time of preparation</li> </ul> <p>John 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- who bears the fruit?</li> <li>- who are the bad branches?</li> </ul>

## The Vine and Branches - Lesson 22 - Chapter 15

The Vinedresser's Preservation	The Vine's Vitality	The Branches' Substance
<p>Father is the vinedresser (1)</p> <p>He takes away the branch that does not bear fruit (2)</p> <p>Prunes those that do bear fruit (2) - to bear more fruit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- purging processes</li> <li>- Mal 3:2-3 - smelter purifying gold and silver - getting rid of the dross until he can see a reflection of himself - spiritually mature</li> <li>- Heb 12:6 - discipline and scouring - shows them how to stay on the right path</li> <li>- pruning removes sin and worldly distractions that hinder us from fruit bearing at our maximum capacity</li> </ul> <p>Bearing fruit proves we are His disciples - God is glorified when we bear much fruit</p> <p>The Word of God is His pruning tool - Hebrews 4:12</p>	<p>True vine (not a part or a portion, shadow) (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- True Bread (6:32)</li> <li>- True Light (1:9)</li> <li>- True Food &amp; Drink (6:55)</li> <li>- Heb 8:2 - True Tabernacle</li> </ul> <p>Every branch in the vine that bears fruit pruned</p> <p>Every branch in Me that doesn't bear fruit He takes away (2)</p> <p>brings life to the branch (4)</p> <p>Abide in the vine - if you don't there will be no fruit (4,5)</p> <p>will give whatever is asked to those who abide in Him (7)</p>	<p>2 types of branches</p> <p><b><u>Branches that don't bear fruit</u></b>  every branch not bearing fruit - God takes away (2)  can't bear fruit if not abiding in the vine (4)  apart from the vine, we can do nothing (5)  not abiding in Him, cut off, thrown away, dried up, gathered, cast them in the fire, they are burned (6)</p> <p><b><u>Branches that bear fruit</u></b>  every branch that bears fruit - God prunes (2)  every one of you is clean because of His Word (the 11) (3)  Abide in Jesus and He in you (4)  abide in Him and bear much fruit (5)  if we abide in Him we can ask for whatever you wish it shall be done (7)  bearing fruit brings glory to God (8)  bearing fruit <b>proves</b> you are His disciples (8)</p>