

INTRODUCTION

1. The ministry of the Prophets

- a) They were special servants of the Lord
- b) They functioned in different capacities
 - i) Some served as advisers to kings (Nathan and Gad)
 - ii) Some served as preachers

2. The training of prophets

- a) The Lord personally trained them
- b) He would give them special revelation like visions
- c) These would then be explained to them, sometimes through angels (Zechariah)
- d) Things they needed to have
 - i) Knowledge
 - ii) Wisdom
 - iii) Faith
 - iv) A significant life

3. The prophet Isaiah

- a) He had a ministry that spanned a good number of years
- b) King Hezekiah consulted him Isaiah 37

4. Ministry skills of some of the prophets

- a) Speaking (oratorical) skills
- b) Writing (literary) skills

7. The actual Results

- a) It brought forth “wild grapes” Isaiah 5:2f
- b) Characteristics
 - i) Sour
 - ii) Small
 - iii) Unsuitable for vintage

AN APPLICATION OF THE SONG

1. A plea from God to

- a) The inhabitants of Jerusalem
- b) The men of Judah
- c) A plea “to judge” Isaiah 5:3

2. Was the failure of the Vineyard due to God?

- a) What more could have been done to My vineyard? Isaiah 5:4a
- b) The people of Judah were allowed to make their comments

3. The question God raised up

- a) Why did it bring forth wild grapes? Isaiah 5:4b
- b) The results were unacceptable

4. God’s plans for His Vineyard

- a) God reveals what He would do Isaiah 5:5a
- b) He will take away its hedge (Protection) Isaiah 5:5b
- c) The Vineyard shall be burned Isaiah 5:5c
- d) The wall will be trampled down Isaiah 5:5d
- e) It would become waste (waste land) Isaiah 5:6a
- f) It shall not be pruned or dug Isaiah 5:6b

VITAL LESSONS WE MUST HEED

1. Things can go badly wrong in our life even when God has blessed

a) Unproductive

b) Unfruitfulness

2. The root of the problem

a) Iniquity

b) Rejecting God's law

c) Despising His word

3. Our challenge

a) To seek to understand our relationship with the Lord Jesus John 15

b) To submit to the Lord when He prunes our life

c) To seek to abide in the Lord that we might be fruitful