

MORNING WORSHIP

31 May 2015

Text: **Jeremiah 2:21**

Title: **A SEED OF HIGHEST QUALITY**

A POWERFUL IMAGERY

1. Israel as a Vine (Psalm 80)
2. Israel as a Vineyard (Isaiah 5)
3. A Seed of highest Quality (Jeremiah 2)

THE DESIRE OF GOD

1. To make Israel into
 - a) A fruitful Vine
 - b) A flourishing Vineyard
2. Every provision was made for it
 - a) Seed of the highest quality was planted (Jeremiah 2:2)
 - b) Every conceivable procedure was undertaken to ensure
 - i) Protection
 - ii) Productivity

THE DEVASTATING REALITY

1. A degenerate plant of an alien vine developed (Jeremiah 2:21)
2. Causes for this development
 - a) They had gone far away from the Lord (Jeremiah 2:5)
 - b) They had followed idols (Jeremiah 2:5)

- c) The leaders of the land
 - i) The priests did not know the law (Jeremiah 2:8)
 - ii) The rulers transgressed (Jeremiah 2:8)
 - iii) The prophets prophesied by Baal (Jeremiah 2:8)
- d) They had forsaken the Lord (Jeremiah 2:13)
- e) They had become wicked (Jeremiah 2:19)
- f) They had backslided (Jeremiah 2:19)
- g) There was no fear of God (Jeremiah 2:19)

THE ONLY WAY OUT

- 1. To return to the Lord (Jeremiah 3:22)
- 2. To seek spiritual healing (Jeremiah 3:22)
- 3. To fully confess sins (Jeremiah 3:22-25)