MORNING WORSHIP 14 June 2015

Text: Isaiah 5

Title: "I EXPECTED IT TO BRING FORTH GOOD GRAPES"

THE SONG OF THE VINEYARD

- 1. A Song
- 2. A Ballad
- 3. The Story of Israel as a Vineyard

THE PROVISION FOR THE VINEYARD

1. Site of the Vineyard (Isaiah 5:1)

A fruitful hill

- 2. Preparation of the Vineyard (Isaiah 5:2)
 - a) Stones dug up
 - b) Stones thrown away
- 3. Planting of the Vine (Isaiah 5:2)

The choicest vine

- 4. Protection of the Vineyard (Isaiah 5:2)
 - a) A tower in the midst
 - b) A hedge/ Wall (Isaiah 5:5)
- 5. Expectations (Isaiah 5:2)
 - a) Made a winepress
 - b) Natural expectation of the vine to produce good grapes

THE DISMAL PRODUCT

- 1. It brought forth wild grapes
- 2. A most disappointing result (Isaiah 5:2, 4)
- 3. Application

"The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel" Isaiah 5:7

- a) The good grapes = Justice and righteousness
- b) The wild grapes = Oppression and a cry for help (from the victims)

THE DIVINE THREAT

- 1. Removal of special protection (Isaiah 5:5)
 - a) Hedge
 - b) Wall
- 2. Removal of blessings
 - a) No rain
 - b) No pruning
- 3. In place of blessings
 - a) Trampling of the vineyard
 - b) Briers and thorns