



### **Isaiah 5:1-7**

Let me sing for my *beloved* my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My *beloved* had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup> And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,  
*judge between me and my vineyard.*

<sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it?  
When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup> *And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.*

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup> *I will make it a waste*; it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
briers and thorns shall grow up;  
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting;  
and he looked for justice, *but behold, bloodshed*;  
for righteousness, *but behold, an outcry!*

### **Romans 11:19-12**

<sup>19</sup> Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” <sup>20</sup> That is true. *They were broken off because of their unbelief*, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. <sup>21</sup> *For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you.*

### **Psalms 118:19-25**

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.  
<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.  
<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.  
<sup>22</sup> *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*  
<sup>23</sup> *This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.*  
<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
<sup>25</sup> Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

### **Mark 4:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> And he said to them, “To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in *parables*, <sup>12</sup> so that  
“they may indeed see *but not perceive*, and may indeed hear *but not understand*,  
lest they should turn and be forgiven.””

### **Genesis 18:23-25**

<sup>23</sup> Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ... <sup>25</sup> *Far be it from you to do such a thing*, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! **Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?**”