

Isaiah 5:1–7

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

2 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.

3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

4 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?

5 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.

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

7 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!

Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason
for confidence in the flesh, I have more:
5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the
people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a
Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a
Pharisee; **6** as to zeal, a persecutor of the
church; as to righteousness, under the law
blameless. **7** But whatever gain I had, I
counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because
of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ
Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered
the loss of all things and count them as
rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ
9 and be found in him, not having a
righteousness of my own that comes from
the law, but that which comes through faith
in Christ, the righteousness from God that
depends on faith— **10** that I may know him
and the power of his resurrection, and may
share his sufferings, becoming like him in
his death, **11** that by any means possible I
may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this
or am already perfect, but I press on to
make it my own, because Christ Jesus has
made me his own. **13** Brothers, I do not
consider that I have made it my own. But
one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind
and straining forward to what lies ahead,
14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of
the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21:33–46

³³[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.