

Book Tour 2018 (Isaiah)

What Else Could God Do?

Isaiah 5:1-7

God's Word is true. God's Word is sharp and good. I will tell others of its great power **so that He will receive all worship and power in our life.**

Introduction: When I looked at our text this morning I felt a strong sense of conviction!

1. I am a little hesitate to share this but it is on my heart to this morning.
 - Almost 5 years ago we took a young 13 year old boy into home he had lived a difficult life up until then so Renee and I felt led to help out with those last few years.
 - But here is the part of the story that I want you to see: The very first evening I caught him crying and I ask him why and his answer was quick and to the point I don't deserve this I feel guilty for having this opportunity and I don't know if I can handle it.
- From that point forward we did everything that we know we could possibly do but nothing worked and eventually he left.
- Church here is my point a Father can do all he can do but if the child doesn't respond then there is nothing but trouble!
2. That is the picture we see here in our text.
 - God has prepared everything for us!
 - God has provided everything for us!
 - God has given us everything we need!
- God has literally did it all!
 - Now in our text He is talking specifically about Israel but it applies!
- I. God Did It All** verse 1-2
 - A. Verse 2 says that he removed all the stones!
 1. Everything that could keep us from being everything that God what us to be he has taken out of the way!
 - But Pastor it seem like wherever I turn I run into roadblocks, stumbling blocks that get in the way.
- But those are the very thing that are making you stronger to do what God has called you to do what you see as a stone blocking the way God sees as an exercise to grow your faith in Him.
 - Don't turn and run put your head down trust the Lord and plow right through it!

- God has already made the way! Trust Him!
 - B. Verse 2 again says that he planted it with the choice vine!
 1. You are not alone!
- Church we are in Christ!
 - We are in His death, we are in His Burial, and we are made alive again with Him in His resurrection.
- We have been planted with the choice vine!
 - **5 I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.** John 15:5
- God did not just set us out into the world and say do the best you can and we'll see we are in Christ Jesus!
 - He is vine and we are the branches!
 - C. He built a tower in the middle of it!
 1. A tower with a watchman to make sure nothing happens!
 - This church we are never out of God's sight He never leaves us alone even when we feel like there is no one else who cares God wants us to do well He is watching!
- He is not watch in anticipation of you messing up but rather watching and expecting you to do well!
 - **He dug it all around, removed its stones, And planted it with [a]the choicest vine. And He built a tower in the middle of it And also hewed out a [b]wine vat in it; Then He expected it to produce good grapes, But it produced only [c]worthless ones.** Isaiah 5:2

Transition: God did everything he could do for Israel for them to do well and produce good fruit and yet they produced worthless fruit.

1. Church God has done it all for us what kind of fruit are we producing?
 - What parts of our life are bring glory to Him and which parts are just wood hay and stubble?
 - And here is a question to grapple with who is to blame?
- II. Who Is To Blame** verse 3-4 READ
- A. God says judge between Me and the vineyard!
 1. I have done everything that can possibly be done and yet the vineyard refuses to grow!
 2. I have given them everything they need so where is the fruit?
 3. Now I now that God was talking about Israel but the Biblical principle here is the same!

- I have given you everything you need, what else could have I done?
 - I have given you my Word do you read it do you live it?
 - I have given you fellowship with other believers do embrace or do you criticize and back bite?
 - I have given you a nice place to worship do you invite anyone to join you?
 - I have given you a job you return any income back to me?
 - I have given you technology do you use it to spread the word or spread gossip?
- Whoa better stop there but here is the point who fault is it that we are not producing more fruit for the Kingdom of Heaven.
 - B. Church I realize it is a battle I have recently been taking some classes at night I have forgotten what kind of bubble I have had the blessing to live in, its wicked out there!
 1. But since I started I have been made fun of, had jokes about me told to the whole class, curse at just to see how I would react, and a little Oster sized.
 - You say pastor that awful no it's amazing in that same time period I have had the opportunity to witness my faith to 3 people and counsel with 2 other struggling believers!
 2. Church who is to blame is we do not produce good fruit God?
 - Verse 4 What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it?

Why, when I expected it to produce good grapes did it produce worthless ones? Isaiah 5:4

 - God had delivered Israel from the bondage of Egypt, led then through the wilderness, He had did everything that He had promised and yet the still did not produce good fruit.

Transition: So now God tells them there is going to be repercussion: There are consequences for producing worthless fruit!

- A. Before we get all in that let me just say this He did not say that they did not produce no fruit He said they produced worthless fruit!
 - **10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. 11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, [a]precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it**

because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test [b]the quality of each man's work. 14 If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

- Church the fruit of our life doesn't mean anything if it doesn't stand up to the fire!

- There are consequences to producing worthless fruit!

III. **There are Consequences** verses 5-7 READ

A. I love the way God says this "So let me tell you what I am going to do"

1. That's right God is in charge and God is going to do what God is going to do and you are not going to fix or repair His plan.

2. The first thing He says:

- I am going to take down the hedge:

- Church you think you are having a tough time now let God take His hedge down!

- Church we don't even know or could we imagine what life would be like if God took down His sovereign hedge of protection down from around us, or could we?

■ Or maybe it has!

- Because of our worthless fruit production is the wall and hedge been trampled down, is are world being laid to waste, are briars and thorns taking over?

- That is exactly what happen to Israel and it seems to me is what is happening not just to world but the church as well.

B. Listen to this letter to the church of Laodicea see if you hear anything that sound remotely familiar.

- **I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, [a]but you are dead. 2 Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God. 3 So remember [b]what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. 4 But you have a few [c]people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. 5 He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name**

before My Father and before His angels. 6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.' Revelation 3:1-6

1. How are things any different now even in the church who is the star of the church?
 - The church?
 - The Pastor?
 - The Praise Team or Band?
 - The Children program?
 - The youth Program?
- Listen church all these things are great and wonderful things but if they are not about Jesus then they are worthless fruit and at some point God is going to take down His hedge of protection and it will not be pretty!

Closing: Let me close with these encouraging thoughts:

- A. Listen God is all you need, he will supply you every need according to His riches in Heaven.
 1. What else do you want Him to do?
 2. He sent His only Son Jesus to die for your sin what more could do for you if you want to claim Him as your Savior this morning why don't you just slip out of your seat come down front I will stop talking and come pray with you.
- What more could He do?