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JOHN 15:1-8

LESSON: ABIDE IN THE TRUE VINE — January 9, 2022

INTRODUCTION:

CHAPTER 14:24-26 Loving Jesus, is keeping His sayings, which really comes from the Father. Therefore, disobedience to the Word of Christ is also rejection to the Father. Jesus tells these truths while He's still with His disciples, but they are still truths for us today! The Father will send the Comforter—the Holy Spirit in Jesus' Name who will teach all things, and bring all things to their remembrance of what was said by Jesus. We won't be at a lost. Trust and Obey Him because He is our truest Advocate!

CHAPTER 14:27-31 In the hour of sorrow, Jesus leaves with them His peace; a unique kind of peace, which is different from the world's peace. This peace would calm troubled and fearful hearts. He tells them again "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." He again reminds them that He has to go away and come again. Therefore, the disciples should be glad; should rejoice that He's going back to His Father, "*for the Father is greater than He.*" Why? - Because while Jesus was upon earth, He was limited physically in doing many things. He could only be in one place at one particular time. ¹But the Father does not have limits of time and space. So, in this way, the Father was greater than Jesus was. Jesus told them about these events, in that when they happen, they would believe, and the disciples' faith would increase. From this time, Jesus would not continue to teach them, for the "*prince of this world*" (Satan) comes through the behavior of Judas. But, Satan, the devil could have nothing in Jesus, meaning no authority over Jesus, for Jesus is pure and sinless (never sinned). He wants the world to know that He loves the Father. In our accepting Jesus, His righteousness lives in us. When we trust and obey Jesus, the enemy is not allowed to get a foothold over us. Therefore, whatever commandment the Father has given Jesus, He will do. Even so He is ready and willing to die; He will not resist! Jesus tells His disciples to "*Arise and let's go.*" The hour has arrived to go to the cross. He voluntarily goes forward to meet His death.

LESSON: I. THE VINEDRESSER JOHN 15:1-3

15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. As we see a vine in its physical domain, it is strong, and nourishment comes from it. But we are not looking at a plant, but at a Person (Jesus) in the spiritual. From the very beginning of this verse Jesus makes known as to who He is—"I AM." But, as we go back into the Gospel of John, He says "I AM." throughout this Book:

1. **I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE**—Jh.6:35.
2. **I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**—Jh.8:12.
3. **I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP**—Jh.10:7, 9.
4. **I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD**—Jh.10:11, 14.
5. **I AM THE RESSURECTION AND THE LIFE**—Jh.11:25.
6. **I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE**—Jh.14:6.
7. **I AM THE TRUE VINE**—Jh.15:1.

¹ <https://www.easyenglish.bible/bible-commentary/john-ma-lbw.htm>
<http://www.pitwm.net/pitwm-versebyverse.html>



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This verse speaks completion. Jesus is not just any vine, but He is the True Vine; the genuine vine, not false or counterfeit. In the physical, a vine is strong, and nourishment comes from it. By Jesus being our true vine, He proves to be our real strength and real nourishment unifying all believers. And the Father is the husbandman or vinedresser and gardener who takes care of; looks after, watches over; prunes (cuts back), cultivates, cleans and protects what grows on the Vine.

15:2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. The branch growing from the Vine represent believers for the purpose of bearing fruit. However, the branch that doesn't bear fruit shall be removed. They have a problem bearing fruit. At a point they may began to bud and sprout, but no fruit appeared (like the fig tree that only had leaves and Jesus cursed).

- Unfruitful branches didn't relate enough to Christ; didn't draw enough nourishment from Him.
- Unfruitful branches are not genuine enough to bear fruit.

However, the branch that bears fruit will be purged (cut back) in order to promote or bring forth more growth/fruit.

15:3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Since the above verse talked about fruit, there are three ways fruitful branches are pruned or purged and cleansed.

1. **Branches are cleansed by the Words Jesus had spoken to them,** by the Word of the Lord Himself. When a man comes to the Word of God sincerely, the Word of God shows...
 - a. what he is doing and what he is not doing.
 - b. where he fails and how he fails.
 - c. the sin of commission and of omission.
2. **Branches are cleansed by the mirror of the Word of God.** When a man looks into the Word of God, he reflects both himself in his shortcomings, and he sees Christ in His perfection. The Word of God forces man to measure himself against Christ.

II. ABIDING IN THE VINE JOHN 15:4-5

15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

3. **Branches are cleansed by abiding in Jesus, the Word.**

"Abiding" means to dwell, continue, stay, sojourn, rest in or upon. The more the branch abides in the vine, the more nourishment a branch draws from the vine, and the more fruit it bears. Jesus is saying there is no I without Me. You can't be unattached. If you are, you're not abiding in Christ, the Vine. Just as a branch is lying on the ground without any attachment to the vine, it is lifeless and meaningless in the physical, so is it also with man on the earth without Christ. He is lifeless and meaningless in the spiritual. Those who seek life and meaning someplace other than in Christ are doomed to failure. Jesus commands us to abide in Him and He will abide in us.

15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. Again, Jesus says He is the Vine, and the believers are the branches. No fruit can be produced without us abiding in Christ and He in us. In verse 2 it says we will bring forth more fruit as we are purged, and in this verse, it says we will bring forth much fruit



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as we abide in Him, and He in us. Nothing is to be done without Christ.

III. A WARNING AND A PROMISE JOHN 15:6-8

15:6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. When the believer fails to abide in Christ, have a relationship with Him, he withers, dries up and is cast forth like a branch. His fruit or works will be judged by fire, and burned up. Dried branches are easy to burn up. This will lead into loss of rewards.

15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Abiding in Christ also means constant fellowship and prayer with the Lord. The Word of God must abide in the believer. This promise assures that the believer can ask what he will, and it shall be done unto him.

15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. This is how the Father will be glorified: by believers bearing much fruit. When men see fruit in the life of a believer...

- we see that men have begun asking God for help.
- we see that men have turned their minds to God.
- we see that men wants to accept God for themselves.
- we see that men have desired God to save them.
- we see that men have acknowledged that only God's power could do such.

The bottom line is that the attached branch proves he is a disciple by bearing fruit—and that is also touching the lives of others.

SUMMARY:

Jesus is the true vine. He proves to be our real strength and real nourishment unifying all believers. The Father is the husbandman or vinedresser and gardener who takes care of; looks after, watches over; prunes (cuts back), cultivates, cleans and protects what grows on the Vine (15:1). The Branch growing from the Vine represents Believers for the purpose of bearing fruit. The branch that doesn't bear fruit shall be removed. However, the branch that bears fruit will be purged (cut back) in order to promote more growth; to bring forth more fruit (15:2). The Word the Lord had spoken to the disciples will make them clean (15:3). (15:1-3).

Jesus commands us to abide in Him and He will in us. Except the branch abide in the vine, it could not bear fruit on its own (15:4). The Vine and the branches are to abide in each other to bring forth more fruit (15:5). (15:4-5).

Not abiding causes withering, and it is then cast into the fire to be burned (15:6). But, when the branch abides in the Vine to where God's Words abide also, the believer can ask what they will, and it shall be done for them (15:7). This is where you will see the glory of God and will begin to bear much fruit becoming Christ's disciples. The bottom line is that the attached branch proves he is a disciple by bearing fruit—touching the lives of others (15:8). (15:6-8).

