

Isaiah
Chapter 5

v. 5-6-- Satan will trample anything that isn't protected by the Armor of Christ. God doesn't choose to let us be trampled, we do. He built a wall around us. He fenced in the vineyard, but unless we accept that protective wall and live within it, it can't protect us. We must not let Satan disallusion us into thinking we still have our problems, when in fact, Jesus conquered all of them already.

v. 7-- We are the vineyard of the Lord--Are we good grapes or wild grapes? (Jeremiah 2:21-12:10)

v. 8-- We shouldn't be so busy with the things of this world, whether it be work or pleasure, that we don't have time to pray, get into His Word, and spend quiet time listening for His voice and direction in our lives.

v. 9-12-- Again, He warns against having our minds empty of Him and full of the things of this world, and not seeing Him in His creation.

v. 13-14-- Satan can come in twisted ways, so we must get close to Jesus and the Father and walk in His ways and walk in the knowledge of the Word of God so we can discern the ways of Satan and fight him with the strength of the Word of God.

v. 15-- God brings down the haughty and lofty who count on themselves to prosper.

v. 16-- But in the end all will know that only God brings about good things!!

v. 17--Then those who have humbled themselves and leaned on the Lord will feed on the lofty ones.

v. 18-19-- We must watch that we don't think of ourselves better than others--even in our righteousness through Jesus Christ--and begin to tell God how to fulfill His plan. We are only to fit into that plan as He sees fit and only He knows. (Deut. 9:4 & 5)

v. 20-24-- It is easy to twist things around--especially when we listen to Satan who is the Father of Lies. We may think we're doing right, but in fact, it is evil. Only through true fellowship with Jesus and resting in His guidance can we be sure of pleasing Him.