

## ***“Your Vineyard is not to be Inward” Pt 2***

### **Proverbs 24:30–32 [Amplified]**

**“I went by the field of the lazy man, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;**

**<sup>31</sup> And, behold, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles were covering its face, and its stone wall was broken down.**

**<sup>32</sup> Then I beheld and considered it well; I looked and received instruction”**

**\* To understand this proverb ... you have to understand that in the ancient Middle East, a piece of land capable of growing crops was one of the most valuable things in the world.**

**\* To be the *owner of a vineyard* was to be blessed with the opportunity of a lifetime. ...**

### **My Friends Everybody gets a vineyard**

**\* When you were born, you got a vineyard**

**\* You got your body, your mind, your will, and some relationships**

**\* You got financial resources and the chance to do some good work.**

**\* You got a soul – you have fields to work in**

**Everybody gets a vineyard, and that vineyard is your one and only shot on this planet.**

**\* It's the opportunity of a lifetime, and you don't even have to care for it on your own.**

**\* God will partner with you.**

### **“Your vineyard is not to be inward”**

**God never forces anybody to take action and care for their vineyard. \***

### **Proverbs 24: 32 “When I saw it, I considered it well...”**

**\* The writer of this Proverb was saying – *“I was walking past a vineyard, and I thought of what it might have been”***

**\* He sees that the vineyard could have been a thing of beauty**

**\* It could have been a source of blessing, joy, and income to the owner**

**\* It could have supplied needs for Him, his family and others – in fact that Vineyard could be generational – *did you know that vineyards are passed down through the generations?***

**It could have been a blessing to everybody around it, because in ancient cultures, a place that grew things that people could eat or drink from was a blessing to everybody.**

- \* But the vineyard the writer observed wasn't any of those things
- \* It fell tragically short of what it might have been

**The writer wonders why:**

**Was there some catastrophe?**

**Was there a drought, flood, fire, or some other disaster?**

- \* No. It was just sheer negligence on the part of the owner of the vineyard.
- \* He had no idea what he had
- \* He was throwing away the opportunity of a lifetime.

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**People in this age have these fantasies:**

**I want the perfect marriage**

**I want the perfect circle of friends**

**I want the perfect career and the perfect education if I can't have them right now, if it takes work, if I have to fight hardships, tempest and droughts then I won't do anything – mostly because of the lack of mentors**

***Did you know that a tree keeps record of its years?***

- \* Circles of recorded, documented truth that she's made it through
- \* Trees push their roots deeper and deeper in drought
- \* Trees push their roots out – far and wide in times of rain
- \* Trees are constantly working on their ROOT SYSTEMS REGARDLESS OF THE SITUATION
- \* The Cool Thing About A Tree is that it Can't get up and walk away, it has to weather the situation!
- \* Your Vineyard is not to be inward – even though the tree makes record deep in her heart – she still stays strong and stands!

***“Your vineyard is not to be inward”***

**The writer of Proverbs says we must start with reality**

- \* Work the land that is your land—your body, your life, your relationships, your work—because that vineyard is all you have.
- \* If it's ever going to be different, it won't be because the vineyard fairy comes and sprinkles fairy dust on it.
- \* It will be because you asked God to help you.
- \* It will be because you've asked him, "What's the next step that you want me to take?"

**Genesis 26 1:5 [KJ]**

“1 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham.

And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:

3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swear unto Abraham thy father;

4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

**Genesis 26:12 [Message]**

“Isaac planted crops in that land and took in a huge harvest.  
God blessed him.

The man got richer and richer by the day until he was very wealthy.

He accumulated flocks and herds and many, many servants, so much so that the Philistines began to envy him.

They got back at him by throwing dirt and debris into all the wells that his father's servants had dug back in the days of his father Abraham, clogging up all the wells”

**There is a physical harvest**

**There is a spiritual harvest**

## Folks Isaac Sowed and He Reaped

\* This proves Gods Faithfulness to the Harvest Principle!

### Genesis 26: 3

“Dwell in this land [This farm, this vineyard, this city, this nation, this job] and I will be with you and bless you: for to you and our descendents I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath I swore to Abraham your father”

## OUR fruit is found from our God as to *union*

- \* The fruit of the branch is directly traceable to the root
- \* Sever the connection, the branch dies, and no fruit is produced

## By virtue of our union with Christ we bring forth fruit

\* Every bunch of grapes have been first in the root, it has passed through the stem, and flowed through the sap vessels, and fashioned itself externally into fruit, but *it was first in the stem*; so also every good work was first in Christ, and then is brought forth in us

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## The Lord says - "From me is thy fruit found"

The fruit owes much to the *root*—that is essential to fruitfulness—*but it owes very much also to external influences*

- \* Our fruit comes from God as to *wise husbandry*
- \* The gardener's sharp-edged knife promotes the fruitfulness of the tree, by thinning the clusters, and by cutting off superfluous shoots
- \* WE need to allow the Lord to cut things away from our lives
- \* We need to be good workers of Gods Fields

**In the Lord is thy fruit found – not in man or in his own doing  
Folks we need the Lord active in the fields of our life!**

## Whatever A Man Sows, This He Will Also Reap He shall Harvest

\* Galatians 7 tells us that: "whatever a man sows, this he will also reap"

### Genesis 8:22

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease"

*"Your vineyard is not to be inward"*

## Conclusion

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Swore: Shaba [Shah – vah]

Means to swear, to give one's word to bind oneself with an oath

\* The very origin of this verb is evidently the noun Sheba

Sheba: means "Seven"

\* To swear [Shaba] meant either to completely bind oneself to fulfilling an oath  
Or to "Seven" oneself

\* Simply it means to repeat some detail of the oath seven times.

Probably why Abraham gave "Seven" Lambs to Abimelech when he entered into an agreement with him [Genesis 21: 28-31]

\* The "Seven" Lambs were a WITNESS THAT ABRAHAM HAD DUG A CERTAIN WELL!



Now in [Genesis 21: 31](#) we are told that the name of that particular well was named Beersheba because the two had sworn an oath there – to accept the very fact that the well was Abrahams

\* Seven Lambs – Seven as the Witness

\* Beersheba was the most important town of the Negev – both ancient and modern, it was a religious center and home base to Abraham and Isaac who worshipped at that place.

Beersheba name is translated “The well of the Oath” or “The well of Seven”

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\* This blessing to Isaac began in the Fields of Abraham

\* The “The Well of Seven” was dug by Abraham during the time of Isaac’s birth

\* My friends our “Vineyard is not to be Inward!”

Come on today lets take our fields back – Today lets call upon the Lord to help us dwell in this land – Today Lets proclaim by the Word of our Lord that we will be Blessed and our Descendents will receive there fields [lands] that the Lord will perform the same oath to us and our children that He did to Abraham!

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