



# Before the THRONE

## *The Devotional*

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Isaiah 5:5 – 6

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The Song of the Vineyard.

“And now, I will tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be eaten up; and its wall will fall into disrepair, and it shall be trampled down. And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, or cultivated; but briars and thorns will grow up and I will also command the clouds so that they will not rain upon it.” Isaiah 5:5 – 6

The first two verses of this song of the Beloved’s Vineyard may have been a ballad but by the third verse we are singing the blues. However you look at it; the situation is not a good one. “Why allow it to trouble the ground?” (Luke 13:7).

Shall we be bold enough to examine our own lives in light of this passage of Scripture? Is it not better to examine ourselves now than have the Lord’s examination at a time when it may be too late for us to effect a change?! “Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves that Jesus Christ is in you – unless indeed you fail the test?” (2 Corinthians 13:5).

Are you bearing fruit for Jesus? Is there any evidence that you are a Christian? What would others say about your ‘brand’ of Christianity? Is it real or is it a façade? Genuine or fake?

“I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered, and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.” (John 15:5 – 6).

Selah.

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