



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Isaiah 5: 1 - 7 (MEV) The Song of the Vineyard

5 Now I will sing to my well-beloved a song of my beloved concerning His vineyard: My well-beloved has a vineyard in a very fruitful hill.

2 And He fenced it, and removed its stones, and planted it with the choicest vine. And He built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress in it; and He expected it to bring forth good grapes, but it brought forth wild grapes.

3 Now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between My vineyard and Me.

4 What more could have been done to My vineyard that I have not done in it? Why, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes?

5 So now I will tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be consumed; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trodden down.

6 And I will lay it waste: It shall not be pruned or dug, but briars and thorns shall come up. I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain on it.

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of Hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah His pleasant plant. Thus He looked for justice, but saw oppression; for righteousness, but heard a cry.

Psalms 50:1-8 (MEV)

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who are enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth.

2 In the sight of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your strength, and come and rescue us.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You cleared the *ground* for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered with its shadow and the mighty cedars with its branches.

11 It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

12 Why have You then broken down its walls, so that all those who pass by the way pluck its *fruit*?

13 The boar from the woods ravages it, and the insects of the field devour it.

14 Return again, O God of Hosts; look down from heaven, and behold, have regard for this vine

15 and the root that Your right hand has planted, and the shoots that You made strong for Yourself.

16 It is burned with fire; it is cut down; may they perish at the rebuke from Your presence.

17 Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself.

18 So we will not turn back from You; give us life, and we will call upon Your name.

19 Restore us again, O LORD God of Hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be delivered.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 9 ~ Ross Davidson
August 12 ~ Nancye Porter
August 13 ~ Judy Lennon



CHURCH SERVICES

12 August	6pm	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
14 August	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ Meg Mangan HC
7 August	9am	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
7 August	11am	West	~ Meg Mangan HC



1st Sunday of the month
~ Luncheon @ West
3rd Sunday of the month
~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month
~ Markets @ Hallsville
24 July



Cowboy Motto:

If it's not yours, don't take it.
If it's not true, don't say it.
If it's not right, don't do it.

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another." - Charles Dickens

..... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



PRAYER LIST

- As winter draws to an end, we pray that we stay well, and that the 'flu doesn't catch up with us.
 - Jane Morris, from Gowrie, is able to drive again. She recently broke her arm and was unable to get about for 10 weeks. We rejoice with Jane in her newfound freedom.
 - Barbara and John Murray would appreciate our continued prayers.
 - Patrick Johnston is back with us after a month in Britain. We are pleased that he is safely home.
 - If you know of anyone who is unwell, or who would appreciate a phone-call, please get in touch with me.
- Thanks, Meg

Meg's Musings

Recently I was looking out my front window at a pair of Rosellas. For about 15 minutes they were picking away at a tiny patch of grass. It was impossible to see what was attracting them, as it looked much like any other patch of grass. But the Rosellas could see the value of whatever seeds they were pecking at.

For me the patch of grass has little value - although it looks, and feels, considerably nicer than bare dirt. But to the Rosellas it was a source of food, and a benefit, and they relished it.

The people of Israel in Isaiah's day were living in a land, but failing to see its' value. God had given it to them, along with instructions about how to value it, and each other. But they failed to obey God, and the result was that they had become as "sour grapes".

God was hurt and angered by their behaviour.

We too have been blessed by God.

Are we using those blessings to bless others in turn?

Or are we undervaluing and mis-using God's gifts?

Blessings from Meg



Luke 12:49-56 (MEV)

Jesus the Cause of Division

⁴⁹ "I have come to send fire upon the earth and wish that it were already kindled!" ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how pressed I am until it is accomplished!

⁵¹ Do you suppose that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵² For there will be from now on five divided in one house, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, and mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

Discerning the Appointed Time

⁵⁴ Then He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rise out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming,' and so it is. ⁵⁵ And when a south wind blows, you say, 'There will be heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth. But why do you not know how to discern this time?"

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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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Elders: Margaret Crowell Barbara Murray Doss Wark
Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



Matthew 21: 33 - 45 (MEV)

The Parable of the Vineyard and the Vinedressers

³³ "Listen to another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and built a wall around it. He dug a winepress in it and built a tower. Then he rented it to vinedressers and went into a distant country. ³⁴ When the season of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers to receive his fruit.

³⁵ "The vinedressers took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again, he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did likewise to them. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

³⁸ "But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they caught him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

⁴⁰ "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

⁴¹ They said, "He will severely destroy those wicked men and rent his vineyard to other vinedressers who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

'The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing,

and it is marvellous in our eyes?'

⁴³ "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing its fruits.

⁴⁴ Whoever falls on this stone will be broken to pieces.

But on whomever it falls, it will crush him."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them.

The Parable of the Tenants

Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. Matthew 21:37 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)



the stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone ... Matthew 21:42

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