Lesson 21 Keeping the Vineyard

Song of Solomon 2:15

1. The Subtlety of Her Enemies “Take us the foxes…”
2. The Action to Her Enemies.
3. The Nature of Her Enemy.

#### The enemy is deceitful and cunning.

#### What are the foxes?

##### Bad Habits

##### Words

##### Weaknesses

Size of Her Enemy “…The Little Foxes…”

1. Damage by Her Enemy “…That Spoil the Vines…”
2. Critical Time to Watch for Her Enemy “…For our Vines have Tender Grapes.”

Song 2:1-15 ¶ I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.

2 As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.

3 ¶ As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

5 Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples: for I am sick of love.

6 His left hand is under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me.

7 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please.

8 ¶ The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

9 My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.

10 My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

11 For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

13 The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

[Mt 24:32 ¶ Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:]

14 ¶ O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

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INTRODUCTION

The Bride groom is giving a warning and revelation concerning the danger that faces the bride in her preparation, growth and progress in the realm of the Spirit.

There is a certain amount of responsibility that goes along with privilege. There more God reveals of himself there great responsibility there is.

The Vineyard. Song 1:6 Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept.

Bridegroom’s admonition “You keep your own vineyard.” You

1. Subtlety of her Enemy “Take us…” (8:08)

The Bride is Responsible to Catch the foxes. The Bridegroom is admonition her to take charge of her vineyard (responsibility). It is going to be difficult because of the subtlety of the enemy, but the bridegroom is going to help. He is going to give her the strength, but she is the one that must to do it.

Take –HEBREW sieze upon, take hold of, get rid of

It is quite a job to catch a fox.

IF the devil can just get you on easy street, he has you already.

2Ti 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Php 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (all one slide)

1Jo 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we **KEEP** his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. (But we do have an enemy who plays with our flesh.)

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Jg 15:4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between two tails.

* YOU easily see your neighbor’s foxes, but not your own.
* You might surprise you many you catch.
* You want a great victor? Catch the foxes in your vineyard.

1. The Nature of the Enemy (15:02)

Deceptive animal cunning (17:50)

Ge them all (19:56)

Matt. 13:18-23

Mt 13:18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.

19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

**22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.**

The Vineyard is Flourishing, has tender grapes, promise of a harvest. There had to have begun to produce something or there was nothing to choke.

Mark 4:14-19 (22:47)

Mr 4:14 The sower soweth the word.

15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,

**19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.**

Luke 8:11-14

Lu 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

13 They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

**14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.**

…Take the foxes… What are the foxes? (25:40)

1. Bad habits

There are BAD Habits and Good habits.

. “Preacher wouldnever allow myself to get into a rut. He even would stop praying for months so that he would not get into a “rut.” There are BAD Habits and Good habits.

WE should perform the good habits and take a hold of, strangle, Crush bad habits.

1. Slang Words (28:00)

Word s have more meaning (28:00)

When I was in the world I talked like the world, but when I became a Christian no on had to tell me how to talk.

The little Bride avoids Slangs – (30:23--)

Slang or euphemisms: "the substitution of an agreeable or inoffensive expression for one that may offend or suggest something unpleasant." Basically, a euphemism is using a word that doesn't sound as bad as the one that most consider offensive, but the meaning of the word is the same. So there is no change in meaning when we use a euphemism.

* Gee = Jesus
* Gosh = God
* Golly = Holy Ghost
* Darn, dang= Damn
* Heck = Hell

Ps 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

35:00 Green Maine, Preached clean up your thinking and speech…God moved.

We are moving in the wrong direction. We are getting further and further from where we need to be. (35:50-37:10) <<ad picture)>>

37:48 3. Weaknesses

* Nature
* Character

What is meant by weaknesses? “I want to serve God…” BUT🡨a fox gets in there

* Wasting Time
* Neglect of Prayer – 42:05
* Lack of Doctrine & Conviction

JESUS WAS A RUNNER? –ended 47:

Jesus never backed down or ran from anybody. We need firm conviction.

1. The size of our enemy (48:07)

Take the Foxes, especially so, the LITTLE foxes

Those little foxes can be more harmful than the giant!

Little–

* warning
* Revelation of why no fruitfulness)

1. Small because they are young.

Small because they are least important “It’s just a little things.”

1. Small because they are least noticed.

Foxes are born often under the vines. If the vineyard is neglected the foxes may hide.

1. The Damage done by our enemy (54:10)

Strangled

A believer is abranch, a part of the vine.

John….I a the vine ye are the branches.

Strangles so that

1. Becomes Unfruitful

The life of Christ flows in the branches. Branches can only bear fruit as the life of the vine flows through the branches. If it severed from the vine, ti will die.

1. Grapes (1:00:00)

What is the difference between fruit and gifts?

The Lord wants to

If you bring forth fruit, more fruit, much fruit

Here is my father glorified that ye bear much fruit.

1. Critical Time to Watch for the Enemy (1:02:45)

When is the most critical time?

The most critical time, “For our vines have tender grapes…”

1. When God begins to move by His Spirit. Collectively and personally. Be on guard, watch out.

Saints stop a move God and not sinners.

1. When the Word of God is being revealed. (1:11:35)

* Attacks the man of God.

It is going to cost you something to hear and receive truth. The devil does not what the Word revealed to you. He seek to destroy confidence in the preacher.

Have half the influence that cults had on people, People in cults follow “That’s your opinion.”

1. We are in Revival time – spring,summer time life is flowing, the grapes are beginning to tcome (1:16:20)

Be on guard, watch out, catch those little foxes.

**A good vineyard keeper puts a fence around the vineyard**. KEEP THE FOXES OUT Put up some posts by the Word of Truth. NO FOXES ALOUD. More division!

WE can enjoy what God is doing if we watch out.

“I am wrong”

NOT A LITTLE FOX:Get rid of that stubbornness. Little foxes nibble at the vine, but the big foxes breed. Get

Do want the life (1:20:0) flowing in all the branches? When there is break, separation the life flow is broken up.

(1:21:40) Don’t be so mindful of your neighbors foxes.

Catch them when they are little or they will spoil the vine when the tender grapes are just beginning to come.

(1:22:00) What we need tonight is to be steadfast in our doctrine. IN what we believe and have in God. Even if they call you a cult. Hang on to what we have got and drive some stakes down.

They tried it here. Not gonna teach Sunday school.

QUESTIONS

1:25:28 QUESTION 1…..I feel strange when a false prophet….

News for her if you by only wht she feels she can be led astray. it , false praophet is known by , good feelings, only the truth will determin –by what’s beating taught and not what being felt

Know the truth

Ye shall know the truth

When he the spirit of truth is come.

1:26:48 Question 2 What does a vine dresser do?

take care of the area where the problem is. Care for the vineyard, bandage, prop, cut off,

Spiritual take care of, own up, as it heals fruit will begin to grow again.

1:27:50) Don’t Let the foxes spoil your vine.

Vision in class regarding students.

Be the best at you are called to do.

Go ye into all the world to preach the Gospel…

Mr 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.