The Lord's Probing Question

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INTRODUCTION

- Isaiah was one of the great prophets of the Lord, who lived approximately 700 years before Christ.
- But by the time of Isaiah, the people of Israel had become ungodly.

1 What More Could Have Been Done to My Vineyard?

Isaiah 5:1–7

- My well beloved has a vineyard on a very fruitful hill.
- So he expected it to bring forth good grapes. But it brought forth wild grapes.
- What more could have been done to my vineyard that I have not done in it?
- Is it the Lord's fault that they are the way they are? Or was it by their own choice?

2 Six Woes Describe Their Sinfulness

Isaiah 5:8; Isaiah 5:20; Isaiah 5:22–23

- Six different woes are so described in this chapter that describes their sinfulness.
- Woe to those who call evil good and good evil.
- Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and prudent in their own sight.
- Who justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away justice from the righteous man.

3 God's Complaint: Sick With Sin and Hypocrisy

Isaiah 1:2–3; Isaiah 1:4–6; Isaiah 1:11–15

- This prophecy starts off with God's complaint against Judah and Jerusalem.
- I've nourished and brought up children. And they have rebelled against me.
- Even a dumb animal is more faithful to its master than the Israelites were to the Lord.
- That's the way they were because they were full of hypocrisy.

4 Could That Happen to Us Today?

Luke 14; Matthew 15:8–9

- Could it be that we are a people who are much like God's vineyard of the past?
- If a man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.
- Some things that are purely physical, morally right, but we let them hinder us from putting God first in our life.
- If every member were like you, what kind of church would this be?

5 What More Could the Lord Do for Us?

John 3:16; Mark 16:15–16; Acts 20:28

- First of all, he's given us his only begotten Son.
- He's revealed His Word that we can know what His will is.
- He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.
- He purchased the church with his own blood.
- Is it God's fault if you spend eternity in hell?

6 His Mercy Continues to Be Extended

Isaiah 1:16–18; John 15:1–6

- Wash yourselves. Make yourselves clean. Put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes.
- Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.
- 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.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I ask you, are you a branch? Are you in the Lord? Are you as one who is bringing forth good fruit or no fruit at all? What does the Lord think of you?**

MY NOTES