

Pastor to People

Holy scriptures readings for October 4th, 2026 [Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost]



Isaiah 5: 1-7

[Isaiah 5: 1-7 ESV - The Vineyard of the LORD Destroyed - Bible Gateway](#)

The Lord writes a love song to the people of Israel, in this He describes the work that He has put into Israel to make them fruitful, just as an owner of a vineyard takes care of it. But this love song has quite a different ending than the loves songs we are used to hearing, this song ends with the promise of destruction. For the vineyard, Israel, has not produced fruit, they have not been faithful to the Lord and thus the Lord must destroy it in order that He may plant again to produce fruit. This destruction is for the good of Israel, so that they may see the Love of the Lord and that they may return to the Lord. Thus, this love song is a call to repentance of His beloved Israel.

Philippians 3: 4b-14

[Philippians 3: 4b-14 ESV - though I myself have reason for - Bible Gateway](#)

The Lord blesses us this side of with various achievements, graduating High School or College, promotions in the workplace, achieving awards or honors and the like. But as great as these things these pales in comparison to eternal life with Christ, and thus we should do well to things in the proper perspective, we would have none of these things without the Lord. The Lord is the one who creates us, He gives us our abilities, our skills, the ability to strive after things, and the opportunities to use these things. This is what Paul is getting at, though he could boast in the flesh about fleshly things, he knows they mean nothing if he doesn't have Christ.

Matthew 21: 33-46

[Matthew 21: 33-46 ESV - The Parable of the Tenants - "Hear - Bible Gateway](#)

Our faith, our salvation, our being joined to the Father, is all rooted in Christ. Remove Christ and we have nothing, just as if you were to remove the corner stone, a real one not a symbolic corner stone as some buildings has, it would fall apart. Remove Christ and we would have no hope, as Paul says elsewhere, "we are of all people most to be pitied." But since Christ is the corner stone, we can put everything in Him, because He has accomplished all things that the Father has sent Him to do. So, put everything in Him, you will not be disappointed.

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