"The Danger of Spiritual Defiance"
Isaiah 5:18-30

C.I.T.—Defiance against Jesus leads to worthless grapes.
C.I.S.—Be compliant with Jesus' direction.
Purpose—I want to encourage the importance of following God's Word in one's life in order to produce "good grapes."
Introduction—Worthless Grapes—defiance produces

I. ***The Anatomy of Defiance*** vs. 18-23
   a. *Daring*
      i. Draw iniquity and pull sin with them openly—vanity
      ii. Challenge God—bring it on
      iii. Openly daring God to do something.
      iv. Acting as if they don't fear the judgment of God.
   b. *Distorted*
      i. Recognize good and righteousness.
      ii. Intentionally distort morality and turn it upside down.
      iii. They do this in order to justify their sin.
      iv. I can never say I am wrong, so I will say that I was a victim or that I was born this way…
   c. *Disillusioned*
      i. Wise in their own eyes—pride
      ii. While objective truth and morality exists, this person rejects it for his own subjective definition.
      iii. Moral relativism—what is true to me is true
   d. *Demonstrative*
      i. Flaunting pleasure
         1. Heroes/champions—military terms for great warriors
         2. Instead of fighting, they are heroes at drinking/mixing drinks
         3. All throughout Scripture drunkenness is viewed as sinful and debauchery.
         4. Yet these flaunt that sin.
         5. Represents flaunting any type of pleasure seeking.
      ii. Flaunting plunder
         1. Accepting bribes is also considered sinful throughout the Bible and even today.
         2. This is the definition of unjust gain, defrauding someone for gain.
         3. When gaining money is all you care about, the unjust gain is flaunted.
         4. This applies to stealing, defrauding, cutting corners on taxes, cheating, gambling, etc.
   e. *Defiance ignores God's Word*.
   f. Illus.—Picking the rainbow for the LGBTQ agenda
   g. Application
      i. James 4:17

ii. Before we cast stones at the world outside of us, for Christians, we know what to do.
iii. However, if we don't do it, we are just as guilty of defying Jesus as the world.
iv. I know I am supposed to stay pure until marriage…
v. I know I am supposed to tithe…
vi. I know I am supposed to witness to others…
vii. I know I am supposed to …

II. ***The Anathema of Defiance*** vs. 24-26
a. Therefore—they are cursed because of their defiance.
b. Emptiness/failure
i. Chaff—the remaining pieces of the stalk of grain—destined for the fire
ii. The root will wither, which should produce the nutrient for the grain.
iii. Their entire life is worthless, since there is not grain, but only chaff.
iv. They will rot and burn because they are living life contrary to God's Word.
c. Judgement
i. The Anger of the Lord/Hand of the Lord is kindled/stretched.
ii. Smite, quake and death
iii. Guaranteed
d. This all came from their rejection and spurning of the Word of God.
e. Defiance invites God's Withholding.
f. Illus.—No soliciting signs
g. Application
i. His kindness and grace are extended to all people.
ii. He doesn't want anyone to perish, and so He gives us time to repent.
iii. Imagine if He gave us all that we deserve when we defy Him.
iv. However, we must not assume that just because He hasn't judged and He will not judge.

III. ***The Annihilation of Defiance*** vs 26-30
a. Summoned
i. The LORD calls for this foreign invasion.
ii. Whistle—whistling for honeybees
b. Energetic
i. Not faint, weary, tired
ii. They are energetically going to fulfill their duty and assignment.
c. Lethal
i. Weapons are in top shape
ii. Warhorses are ready to do their job.
iii. Chariots are moving so fast, their wheels sound like a tornado.
d. Terrifying
i. roaring/growling of a lion and rumbling of the sea
ii. Literal sounds of an army advancing
iii. The roar of a lion is to terrify prey and discombobulate them.

e. Absolute
    i. Darkness/distress
    ii. Everything is destroyed.

f. Defiance incites God’s Wrath.

g. Illus.— Child who loses respect for a parent because they threaten discipline but never follow through with it.

h. Application
    i. The end result of defiance against God is absolute judgement a destruction.
    ii. This wrath is brought against sinners and has throughout the ages.
    iii. This will be revealed in the very end of history at the Great White Thron judgement, but for those who are defiant, they might get away with it for a minute, but not ultimately.

Conclusion

- **Hebrews 3:7-15**
- We must constantly be reminding and encouraging one another to respond to what God says to us.
- If we don’t then we will produce worthless grapes, and will end up where we don’t want to be.

James 4:17 So it is sin to know the good and yet not do it.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 3:7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: Today, if you hear his voice, [8] do not harden your hearts
as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, [9] where your fathers tested me, tried me, and
saw my works [10] for forty years. Therefore I was provoked to anger with that generation and said, "They
always go astray in their hearts, and they have not known my ways." [11] So I swore in my anger, "They will
not enter my rest." [12] Watch out, brothers and sisters, so that there won't be in any of you an evil,
unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. [13] But encourage each other daily, while it is still
called today, so that none of you is hardened by sin's deception. [14] For we have become participants in
Christ if we hold firmly until the end the reality that we had at the start. [15] As it is said: Today, if you hear
his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.

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I. The A_____ of Defiance

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Takeaway: Defiance i_____.

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