

The Fox and the Fruit

The great purpose of Christ is before us. The fulfillment of His Word is among us. Our outcry has been heard and God is here, ready, and able to accomplish. Look at the land of promise and see the fruit. See God bringing in His harvest, His abundance, His goodness into this body, our families, and into the lives of people. Do not say it is impossible, unpassable, or insurmountable. Be the people that stand boldly in agreement with God.

God is longing to bring forth the precious fruit of the earth. He is ready but will there be a people to bring in the harvest. We need to stand as a unified body. We need to leave bondage and be bonded.

In your life the God is bringing forth fruit. In our church God is bringing forth fruit. It is on the vine ready for the taking. It is coming forth. BE aware that when the fruit is coming forth that there is devourer that is going to try to come and ruin the harvest. Satan wants the church to fail in unity so the fruit will be left in the field. This is where the Fox comes in. The Fox represents a chase, it represents cunning things that lead you away from the harvest. Once your attention is off the fruit of God the fox then turns and devours the fruit. The fruit is what God is trying to accomplish.

The word for Fox in Hebrew means “sly things that sneak in that seem important but are worthless, they tear down what God desires in your life and for His church.

[Sng 2:15 KJV] 15 Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines [have] tender grapes.

- A. Foxes run after small things, they eat small mice etc.
- B. Foxes love to devour fruit.
- C. They are leading us on a chase to cause us to not abide in the vine, and then the branches cannot produce fruit.

[Jhn 15:4-5 KJV] 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye [are] the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

II. The foxes stop the building up of the church.

[Lam 5:17-18 KJV] 17 For this our heart is faint; for these [things] our eyes are dim. 18 Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.

[Neh 4:2-3, 6 KJV] 2 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned? 3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite [was] by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall. ... 6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

IV. Come out of your burrow, come out of your hole.

[Luk 9:57-59 KJV] 57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain [man] said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. 58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air [have] nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay [his] head. 59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

- A. The thing that is least important is leading you away.
- B. Follow Jesus. We need followers of Christ to reap the harvest.

[Psa 63:8-11 KJV] 8 My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me. 9 But those [that] seek my soul, to destroy [it], shall go into the lower parts of the earth. 10 They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes. 11 But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

- A. Get your mind, will, and emotions to run hard after God.
- B. The foxes are seeking your soul, to drag it into a burrow.
- C. I will not let the fox take my time, my life, or my fruit.
- D. I will turn a deaf ear to lies.

V. Church we have to send the foxes back to the enemy that sent them.

[Jdg 15:4-5 KJV] 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. 5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he let [them] go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards [and] olives.

In this hour if we get our focus off of what Jesus desires of us the foxes will destroy our lives. So many times I want to tell people that the problems, feelings, and concerns are foxes that will lead from one issue to another. You will wake up after the chase and see that your life did nothing.

Foxes that destroy the vineyard and the vine are self centeredness, bitterness, unforgiveness, thoughtlessness, cares of this life, unchecked feelings and opinions, lethargy, and many more. These produce nothing. The fruit will come forth when you let your life focus be what God wants.

[Luk 13:31-33 KJV] 31 The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee. 32 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I heal to day and to morrow, and the third [day] I shall be perfected. 33 Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the [day] following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.