

Lecture 3: God in Creation: the Vine as Symbol

1. Symbol of Prosperity: 1 Kings 4:25/5:4; Micah 4:4 (-> John 1:48); Numbers 16:14; Deuteronomy 33:28; cf. Isaiah 2:4; Hosea 9:2,4
2. Symbol of our basic attitudes: Leviticus 25:4-5; Deuteronomy 20:6
3. Symbol of good and joyful results: Isaiah 65:21; Song of songs: 7:12-13; Psalm 126 (esp. vv. 5-6)
4. Symbol of Israel Psalm 80:8-18
5. Symbol of how we get things wrong: Isaiah 5:1-7; Mark 12:1-12
6. Symbol of how we can get things right-but it can't be taken for granted.(John 15:1-8)

Conclusion: In all these places, we may not disregard the active presence of God