

Planted by the Waters

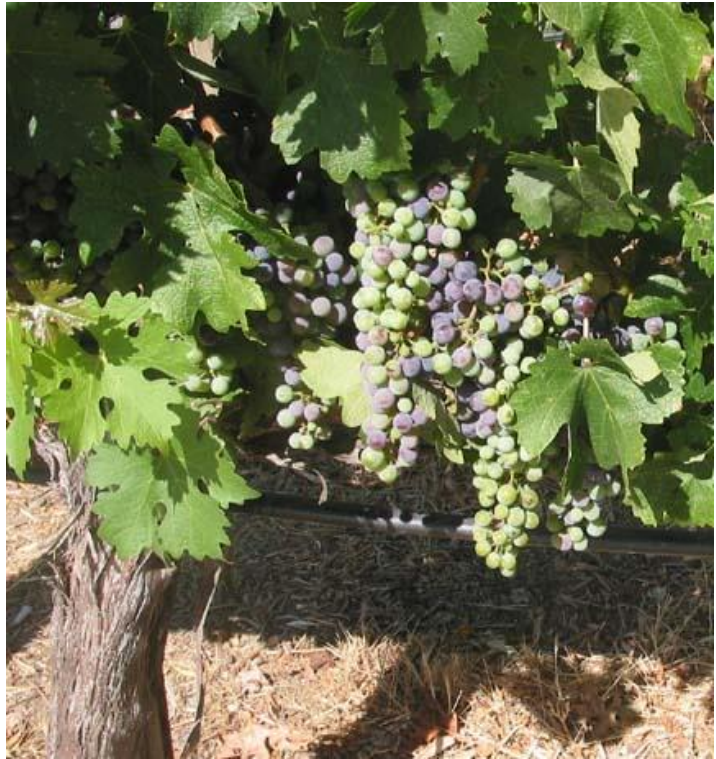
*Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose hope is the Lord.
For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters....*

Jeremiah 17:7

Just as we need truth to grow spiritually, grapevines and other plants that bear fruit need water.

In these photos of a grapevine in California, you can see a black irrigation hose just below the vine. Irrigation is a way to carry water to plants that are not planted by water.

Go for a nature walk near a stream, river or pond. Look at some trees that are growing by the water. Can you observe any of the roots seeking the water?



Application

1. Illustrate the quotation from Jeremiah 17:7-9: “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord...for he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river....”
2. You can illustrate these words by making a picture of a tree with its roots spread outward, seeking the water and with the branches of the tree growing upward, reaching for the sun.
3. You may want to write out the quotation yourself or use the calligraphy page provided below.

For Reflection

Why would it be difficult for a plant to bear fruit when there is too little rain if it is not planted by water and no one waters it? Why would it be difficult for us to do what is good if we didn't have enough truth?

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
And whose hope is the Lord.
For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,
Which spreads out its roots by the river...
And will not be anxious in the year of drought,
Nor will cease from yielding fruit....

(Jeremiah 17:7-9; see also Psalm 1:1-3)