

Ezekiel 15:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work? or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon?

Analysis

The uselessness of vine wood for even basic tasks like making pegs emphasizes total worthlessness apart from fruit-bearing. This parallels Jesus' teaching in John 15:5-6 that branches severed from the vine are fit only for burning. The rhetorical question demands acknowledgment of Israel's complete dependence on covenant relationship for any value.

Historical Context

Wooden pegs were essential for hanging tools, vessels, and household items in ancient homes. Even this minimal usefulness was beyond vine wood's capacity.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. In what ways might you be trying to find significance in things other than your relationship with Christ?
2. How does recognizing your utter dependence on God's grace affect your approach to spiritual disciplines?

Interlinear Text

וְיִקְרַב be taken	H4480 H3947	שָׁלַח Shall wood	H6086 H3489	לְעַשׂ וְתַּּעֲשֶׂה thereof to do	H6213 H8518	לְמִלְאָכָה any work	H4399 H3605	וְיִקְרַב be taken	H518 H3627
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