

Split Hairs



Not this split hair

Isaiah 5:1-7

Isaiah 5:20-21

A small brown dog is sitting on a light-colored armchair. To the right of the dog is a dark blue pillow with the text "NO DOGS ON THIS SOFA" written on it in white. The chair is positioned in front of a window with white blinds. The background of the entire image is a vibrant, abstract pattern of yellow, orange, and red, resembling autumn leaves or a textured surface.

**Not to split hairs,
but technically,
this is an armchair.**

This is the split hair I am talking about.

Isaiah 5:20-21

20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!

Split Hairs

Not discussing issues with the beauty salon

We split hairs, redefine words, look for
loopholes, bend the rules

“It depends on what “is” is.”

No Absolutes

Many believe there are no absolutes

Nothing is always right or always wrong

Barna Poll – 70% of people 18-33 believe
“absolute truth does not exist”

Their View of Personal Responsibility

The Common View is:

What I do in private is not your business

Private character and public character are not related

Character and integrity have nothing to do with my private life

Pragmatism

“Truth is measured by success”

If I do good work, show leadership, produce results, do my job well

If I help others, am a benefit to society

If I can do my job, stay out of jail

THEN NOTHING ELSE MATTERS

HOW I LIVE IS IRRELEVANT

Isaiah 5:1-2

- 1 Now let me sing to my Well-beloved A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard: My Well-beloved has a vineyard On a very fruitful hill.
- 2 He dug it up and cleared out its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in its midst, And also made a winepress in it; So He expected it to bring forth good grapes, But it brought forth wild grapes.

Isaiah 5:1-2

God Says:

I selected a good location

I dug and prepared the ground

I bought good vines

I built a wine press

I expected to pick good grapes

Isaiah 5:4

What more could have been done to My vineyard That I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes, Did it bring forth wild grapes?

God Asks:

What more could have been done?

Isaiah 5:5-7

5 And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned; And break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. 6 I will lay it waste; It shall not be pruned or dug, But there shall come up briars and thorns. I will also command the clouds That they rain no rain on it." 7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; For righteousness, but behold, a cry for help.

Application for Today

God expects us to be righteous and godly

Not splitting hairs, looking for loopholes

Don't change words, redefine terms

God can remove the fence, let it lay in waste,
allow thorns and briars to grow

Isaiah 5:20-23

20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight! 22 Woe to men mighty at drinking wine, Woe to men valiant for mixing intoxicating drink, 23 Who justify the wicked for a bribe, And take away justice from the righteous man!