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Isaiah 27:2-3 *"In that day sing to her, "A vineyard of red wine! I, the LORD, keep it, I water it every moment; Lest any hurt it, I keep it night and day."*

Oh, the story of the Vineyard and its Celestial Keeper. The Lord's redeemed children are compared here to a Vineyard. We also remember our Lord's reference to the Vineyard in **Mat 21:33-41** and **John 15**. Our Lord, our Father, is the Husbandman or Keeper, always watching, watering, and safeguarding. Against us, there is no anger, but against our transgressions. And He is ever combating with these, just as the gardener digs up weeds and burns them up.

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At times, it is by the mist - "*There went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground*" (Gen 2:6). Just as it was in Eden, so it is in our experience. This life's mysteries, its uncertainty, our sense of weakness, ignorance, the strange sense of obscure mystery - these are some of the mists that aid to soften our persona.

At times by the dew - "*I will be as the dew unto Israel...*" (Hosea 14:5) How lovely it is on a spring morning! So the tender character of the Holy Spirit gathers on our souls and revives us. We do not know how or when; however, we are more patient, more sensitive to His compassionate care. Suddenly the sun does not scorch us; the heat does not cause fatigue.

Let us enter into a true fellowship with our Lord in His opposition to whatsoever is offensive and corrupt in our lives, grabbing hold of His might and being in harmony with Him. Then will we blossom and bud, become His charming Vineyard, and fill this world with amazing fruits of the Spirit. "*Thou shalt be like a watered garden.*" "*By their fruits ye shall know them.*"

At His service,
Pr. Teddy Santos