

ALL THE PARABLES OF JESUS

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Matthew 21:33-46

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“Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. ³⁴ Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. ³⁵ And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. ³⁷ Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” ³⁸ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, “This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.” ³⁹ So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?” ⁴¹ They (*The Chief Priests and Pharisees*) said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.” ⁴² Jesus said to them (*The Chief Priests and Pharisees*), “Have you never read in the Scripture ‘*The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD’S doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes*’? ” ⁴³ “Therefore I say to you (*The Chief Priests and Pharisees*), the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. ⁴⁴ And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.” ⁴⁵ Now when the Chief Priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them. ⁴⁶ But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him (Jesus) for a prophet.

Background to this Parable:

The setting is very much summed up in verse 33 and with just three words; Hear another parable. With this one word “another” Jesus not only strikes them with more of the truth, He begins to turn the sword within them. This parable exposes them from the inside out.

Jesus Christ will take their outward religious appearance and strip it away from them, leaving them naked and their motives unveiled before the crowds as murderers, premeditative, in the first degree.

People, like in every generation are enamored with power.

There is the power displayed by **knowledge**. There is the power displayed by **wealth**. There is the power displayed by **military** strength. Yet, throughout all of history there is a power that is unaffected by the powers of this world – That power is The Power of God, - The Bible.

And it's an Open Power - For example, no other book

in all of history addresses the very issues of life like the Bible. No other book records its star performers in such honest light. There is no other book from the halls of antiquities that is in direct harmony with factual science. No other book predicts history in advance but the Bible – and no other book has the power to get into our hearts and minds, but the Bible.

Hebrews 4:12-13 NLT

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

Think About That for a Moment.

When Jesus Christ came into this world He could have come as the “**Power of God**” or the “**Plan of God**” – Jesus could have come into this world as the “**Love of God**” – all these things are true of Him and of His nature, but Jesus Christ came into this world being “**The Word of God**”

And you and I see this truth in action everyday.

How people act and react to the Bible. The issues of the Scripture, the issues of Life and Reason and of Personal integrity = Bringing yourself to the place of standing before the very Word of God

Matthew 13:11-15

He (Jesus) answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them (the masses) it has not been given. ¹² For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ¹³ Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴ And in them the prophecy of Isaiah (*Isaiah 6*) is fulfilled, which says: “*Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive;* ¹⁵ *For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.*”

1 John 1:1

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 1:3a

who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the Word of His power,

THE PARABLE OF THE HOUSEHOLDER AND HIS HEIR

1.) The Lordship of God – Is Qualitative

Matthew 21:33a

“Hear (*listen*) another (*how many must you hear*) parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers...

The Status-Concept of a Vineyard in the Ancient world

Was not a hip or vogue thing to do to attract tourists, it represented many things, but the primary thought was that of Joy. = Life!!!

A vineyard was to create a beneficial result; - ie.
Productivity, Employment, Health, Beauty, Environment & Posterity

From Psalm 80, Isaiah 5, Ezekiel 15;
Israel is Spoken of in Scripture as Being God’s Choice Vineyard.

Isaiah 5:1-7

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. ³ “And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard. 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? 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 These Scribes and Pharisees Get It Loud and Clear.

“There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard”

They understand this to mean one thing – Jesus is Talking about God His Father, the Owner of the Vineyard. And that had God sent the Prophets to those responsible for the Vineyard and that Finally God was now sending His Own Son as the Supreme Authority - - who would be taken and killed by those who had stolen the vineyard.

God's Intent for Israel

Was (and still is) that it would be the source of blessing both to Him
and to the nations of the world.

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. ² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

The Lordship of God – Is a Qualitative Lordship.

(It can be seen and recorded – yet it is limitless)

Matthew 21:33a

And set a hedge around it – to keep out undesirables

Matthew 21:33b

Dug a winepress in it – anticipating fruitfulness

Matthew 21:33c

And built a tower. – looking out for threats

Matthew 21:33d

And he leased it to vinedressers – expecting cooperation

These "Vinedressers" Were the Spiritual Leaders of the Nation.

The Priesthood. The Ministers. The Scribes = More of God to/for the People.

!!! This "Expected Cooperation" Period !!!

Refers to that time between the Testaments, from the Ministry of Moses to Malachi and from Malachi to the Coming of the Messiah – Those 400 years of silence was a "National-Self-Imposed-Silence".

!!! They Had The Law & Prophets !!!

Let's Pray Tonight For a Greater Revelation of God

I Wanna Invite You to Come Forward Tonight

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<

End of Study

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