

ALL THE PARABLES OF JESUS

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS”

ALL THE PARABLES OF JESUS UNVEILED

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Last Days, Unprepared, Watchfulness, Obedience.

Matthew 21:28-32

This is a Parable not only about Knowing God,
It's a Parable about Knowing God and Doing God's Will

Knowing God's Will Isn't The Same as Doing God's Will

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To better understand this Parable, We need to ask, “to whom is Jesus speaking” And so to answer that - we must look at the context of where this Parable is situated.

It's important for us to understand this:

That just prior to Jesus' teaching of this Parable of the Two Sons, He entered into Jerusalem on that Passion Week that would ultimately culminate in His crucifixion, death and resurrection.

Look at Verses 1-11 we see
The Presentation of The King

Look at Verses 12-17 we see
The Purification of The King

Again at Verses 18-22 we see
The Authority of The King

The fig tree is often symbolic of Israel *Hosea 9:10; Joel 1:7*

**Israel had the history, the location, the look,
even the leaves – but no fruit.**

In Verses 23-27 we see
The Challenging of The King

Then in Verses 21:28-22:14 we see
The Parables of The King

THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

Matthew 21:28-32

“But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go, work today in **my vineyard.**’²⁹ He answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he regretted it and went.³⁰ Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go.³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said to Him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you.³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him.

Each of the two son’s actions reveal what’s going on inside their hearts.
It’s not what you say ultimately – it’s doing that which is right.

We need to be careful about what we speak,
because what we say is important BUT what we do is even MORE important.

Matthew 5:37

But let your “Yes” be “Yes,” and your “No,” “No.” For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

Proverbs 10:19

In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.

We say things like “I love Jesus” or “I will pray about it”
or “praise the Lord” or “God bless you brother”

Charles Spurgeon Writes;

“These spiritual jargons are nothing more than that – nauseating platitudes used with such regularity with such commonality to make sick any man who’s actually listen.”

In **Verse 28** Jesus immediately paints for us a picture of opposites
or opposing words, actions and reactions

Jesus Exposes Their METHOD for why they do not believe.

Knowing God’s Will Isn’t Doing God’s Will

THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

1.) The Personal Responsibility Issue v.28a

THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY ISSUE

1a.) Know which son you are v.28a

Matthew 21:28a

“But **what do you think?** A man had two sons,

1b.) Determine that you can change v.28a

Matthew 21:28a
"But what do you think? A man had two sons,

1c.) Do what makes sense v.28a

Matthew 21:28a
"But what do you think? A man had two sons,

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2.) The "Actions Speak Louder Than Words" Factor v.28b-30

THE "ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS" FACTOR

2a.) God has given us all an opportunity v.28b

28b and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.'

Vineyard = to Israel = Isaiah 5

This is an opportunity to both: "Obey" and "Be Blessed"

THE "ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS" FACTOR

2b.) God has given us the ability v.29

29 He answered and *said*, "I will not," but afterward he *regretted* it and *went*.

Regretted **GRK 3338 meta-mellomai**, *met-am-el'-lom-ahee*;
to care afterwards, to not care – then to care.

THE "ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS" FACTOR

2c.) God has allowed us the power of choice v.30

30 Then He came to the second and said likewise.
And he answered and said, "I go, sir," but he did not go.

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3.) The "End Will Tell Our Story" Point v.31-32

THE "END WILL TELL OUR STORY" POINT

3a.) Did I desire God's will for my life?

v.31a

31a Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first."

The Audience Agreed With Jesus' Parable.

Do you agree with their conclusion?

Can you honestly, sensibly, take issue with God's Word?
(Do you have examples as to why God is unjust or mean)

THE "END WILL TELL OUR STORY" POINT

3b.) Did I believe in God in my life?

v.32b-32a

31b Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to **YOU** that tax collectors and harlots (*will*) enter the kingdom of God before **YOU**. 32 For John came to **YOU** in the way of righteousness, and **YOU** did not believe him

THE "END WILL TELL OUR STORY" POINT

3c.) Did I repent & trust for my life?

v.32b

32b But tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when **YOU** saw it, **YOU** did not afterward relent and believe him.

Listen Friend

Jesus Changes People's Lives

For those who know you (*better - knew you before Jesus*)
What do they do with you now?

**Every changed life is a walking INDICTMENT
against every unbeliever.**

???What Do You Think About My Changed Life???
(You Who Are Here Tonight - Judge Me - Please)

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

End of Study

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