

“Parable of the Vine-growers”

Luke 20:9-18

God will prepare for Himself a people of righteousness.

Luke 20:9 “And He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey for a long time.”

I. It’s a Symbolic reminder of God bringing His people into the Land:

- A. God places some in leadership as shepherds over His people.
- B. Old Testament allegories give us further insight: **Isaiah 5:-1-7**

Luke 20:10 “At the harvest time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, so that they would give him some of the produce of the vineyard; but the vine-growers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 “And he proceeded to send another slave; and they beat him also and treated him. 12 “And he proceeded to send a third; and this one also they wounded and cast out.

II. Symbolic reproof that they had rejected God’s previous prophets.

- A. They were sent many prophets to reprove the rulers to lead the people back to God.
- B. What was God looking to receive from His vineyard? **Isaiah 5:7**
 - 1. **It says** “...He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; For righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress.”
 - 2. **Micah 6:8** declares His expectation — _____

Luke 20:13 “The owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’”

III. A Symbolic revelation that God sent them His beloved Son so they would respect His authority.

- A. What does it mean to respect the Son?
 - 1. It means recognizing the rightful owner is the heir.
 - 2. It means submission to the rightful heir of the vineyard.

- 3. It means surrendering all rights, privileges and possession to the true owner.

B. What kind of respect are we to show the Son? - Recognize Christ’s Lordship over our life.

Luke 20:14 “But when the vine-growers saw him, they reasoned with one another, saying, ‘This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance will be ours.’ 15 “So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What, then, will the owner of the vineyard do to them?”

IV. The symbolic accusation is that the leaders of Israel are going to kill the Son to secure their position of power.

Luke 20:16 “He will come and destroy these vine-growers and will give the vineyard to others.” When they heard it, they said, “May it never be!”

V. Prophetic declaration is that God would destroy these Spiritual leaders and a people for God shall come from others.

- A. In the Matthew version the crowds give the answer to Jesus’ question. “_____” **Mt 21:41**
- B. **Word “Destroy”** – has historical fulfillment in the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

Luke 20:17 “But Jesus looked at them and said, “What then is this that is written: ‘The stone which the builders rejected, This became the chief corner stone’? 18 “Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.”

VI. The Prophetic warning foresees Jesus’ rise to supreme prominence and the peril of opposing Him.

- A. Three truths to Notice:
 - 1. The resurrected stone becomes the base for a new worshipping community.
 - 2. Nothing can every frustrate God’s plan of redemption. **Ps 118:22-23**
 - 3. Opposing Jesus means facing total destruction from God.