

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Rebellion Against God"
Luke 20:9-19
Study-82

If there was a warning label attached to our passage of Scripture, it would read:
WARNING: IF YOU REJECT GOD'S SON YOU WILL RECEIVE GOD'S JUDGEMENT.

Jesus reveals through His parable that God has no other alternative than to judge the God-Haters/Rejecters. The Jewish Leaders are so drawn into the parable that the Religious actually indict themselves!

**Parable is recorded in three Gospels:
Matthew 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19**

Luke 20 Tuesday In The Temple With Six Skirmishes:

- 1. Verses 1-8 A Question Of Jesus' Authority**
- 2. Verses 9-19 A Parable Of The Wicked Tenant Farmers**

The Thought Of Our Passage: "Jesus Mercifully Gives A Warning That If We Reject God's Son We Will Receive God's Judgment"

- 1. Verses 9-16 Exposing Present Rebellion**
- 2. Verses 17-19 Warning Of Future Ruin**

1. Verses 9-16 Exposing Present Rebellion:

Luke 20:9 And Context – Jesus was challenged by the religious leaders as to His authority. **Luke 20:1-2** Jesus' words and His actions.

Jesus asks the religious a question - Luke 20:4? Religious knew that Jesus was divine, but the real issue was not Jesus' authority but obedience to Jesus! Rebellion!

Jesus is attempting to warn the religious of the judgment that will follow their rejection of Him.

parable - The word "**Parable**"- is made up of two words "**Para**"- *alongside* "**ballo**"- *to throw or cast. To cast alongside of!*

"A man - This owner is God the Father. (He not only owns the vineyard but the planet and the universe that it's in!)

planted a vineyard, (Isaiah 5:1-7) Isaiah 5:7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel Psalm 80:8-9

This parable covers 1500 years! From Israel's deliverance from Egypt to the time of Jesus.

God Created Israel The Nation: planted a vineyard, there is no nation that has been more privy than Israel. **Psalm 73:1 Surely God is good to Israel,**

Isaiah 5:1-7, Parable about Israel a vineyard that produced sour wine.
Isaiah 5:7

God's Purpose - and rented it out to vine-growers When first planted the owner would have to wait for five years before receiving fruit from the vineyard. These **vine-growers (Sharecroppers)**

vine-growers were the religious leaders that God had entrusted all of Israel to.

and went on a journey for a long time. We could be speaking of 1500 years.

Luke 20:10 "At the harvest time the time to receive fruitfulness of all the labors.

he sent a slave - that would come to collect the rent. **"Slave"** This was one of the prophets.

but the vine-growers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. Notice The progression of their sin and disobedience. **beat him** - *"to give a beating, to beat up"*

Luke 20:11 and they beat him also *"to flay, to skin, to trash, of leather to tan"*

treated him shamefully - *"to shame, to show no honor" disrespecting a person.*

Luke 20:12 this one also they wounded and cast out. Wycliffe translates it - *"Break his head" So beating, then wounding on the head and insulting.*

Elijah - was driven into the wilderness by the monarchy.

Isaiah - was said by tradition to be swan in two. (Wooden saw)

Jeremiah - thrown in a muddy pit. (Stoned Tradition)

Amos - ran for his life

Zechariah - was stoned to death near the alter. **Matthew 23:35**

John the Baptist - Was beheaded.

Stephen Acts 7:51-52; Hebrews 11:37-38

Man is an enemy of God. **Romans 5:10**

We have the witness of creation - **Romans 1:20**

We have the witness of our conscience - **Romans 2:15**

We have the witness of a complete Bible -

Luke 20:13 I will send my beloved son; This is Jesus Christ. He is divine, **John 3:16**

Note The Distinction Between The Slaves and God's Son. Mark 9:7

Son of God is to take honor and preeminence over any messenger of God. Hebrews 1:1-2

Luke 20:14 they reasoned with one another, saying, the religious conspired

'This is the heir; let us kill him They killed the prophets and even Jesus

so that the inheritance will be ours.' when the owner died the land would go to the tenants if no owner showed up for three years there was no interests.

Luke 20:15 "So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. his death would defile the vineyard, could not sell fruit, harder to sell the vineyard, did not want Jesus' death to defile them. **Hebrews 13:12-13**

What, then, will the owner of the vineyard do to them? Matthew's **Matthew 21:41**

2 Corinthians 5:11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men,

Luke 20:16 "He will come and destroy these vine-growers in 70 AD Titus of Rome would come and destroy this temple and take the religious leaders away in chains.

and will give the vineyard to others." The Apostles **Acts, Epistles**

When they heard it, they said, "May it never be!" Can't imagine!
"Conviction Too Often Falls Short Of Conversion"

2. Verses 17-19 Warning Of Future Ruin:

Luke 20:17 But – *How loving, gracious, and merciful Jesus again was to warn of their ruin!*

Jesus looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written:
Jesus again and again resorts to the Scriptures for the answers of life.
Mark 12:10

'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone'? Jesus quotes from **Psalm 118:22-23**

The "builders," of course, were the Jewish religious leaders (**Acts 4:11**)

The stone - was a well-known symbol for the Messiah. (**Daniel, Exodus, Zachariah, Romans**)

The stone - God is referred to as a rock -
Deuteronomy 32:4, 18, 30-31 Jesus was the foundation stone and corner stone - **Ephesians 2:20-22; 1 Peter 2:6-8**

Jesus was a stumbling stone - **Isaiah 8:14-15; Romans 9:32-33; 1 Corinthians 1:23**

The Second Coming, Jesus will be a striking stone of destruction -
Daniel 2:34

REJECTED *"to reject after investigation"* It was required that the Jews carefully examine the Passover lambs from the tenth day to the fourteenth day (**Exodus 12:1-6**).

Luke 20:18 "Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; *"to trip on the stone, stumble, get caught"* (Offended, wanted a conquering Messiah, not a Suffering Messiah) **Isaiah 8:14-15; Romans 9:32-33; Luke 2:34**

but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust." But Jesus also referred to **Daniel 2:34-35, 44-45**, where the Messiah is pictured as a "Striking Stone"

Luke 20:19 Rebellion Against God: The scribes and the chief priests tried to lay hands on Him that very hour, they were bent on fulfilling the parable.

and they feared the people; Note what the religious cared about was keeping their authority and preserving their lives and power.

for they understood that He spoke this parable against them.

Application:

1. Jesus Mercifully Gives A Warning That If We Reject God's Son We Will Receive God's Judgment.
2. The Religious Understood The Parable To Be Speaking About Them But Still Wanted To Kill Jesus. Sometimes Conviction Too Often Falls Short Of Conversion.