

**Series "The God Who Serves"
"Renters From Hell"
Mark 12:1-12
Study-46**

"The Passion Week", it is the last week of Jesus' earthly ministry. "The Week That Changed The World."

The event of our passage takes place on Tuesday, which is referred to as "The Day of Controversy."

Jesus now reveals through this parable that God has no other alternative than to judge the God-haters/rejecters. The Jewish Leaders so drawn in the parable even indict themselves!

This parable is recorded in 3 Gospels: Matthew 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-18.

The Thought Of Our Passage: "God Is The Rightful Owner Of All Things; God Is Just And Right To Expect A Return From His People."

- 1. Verse 1 – God's Goodness**
- 2. Verses 2-8 – God's Witness**
- 3. Verses 9-12 – God's Severity**

1. Verse 1 – God's Goodness:

Mark 12:1

"And He began to speak to them in parables" – Context Of The Parable: Mark 11:27-33 – "the chief priests, and scribes, and elders came to Him,"

"He began to speak to them in parables" – Matthew records 3 Parables. Mark records the most important one that all 3 record.

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

Parables – described as "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning." That does not do it justice. The word "Parable"– is made up of two words "Para"– alongside. "ballo"– to throw or cast. To cast alongside of!

"A man" – Matt 21:33 – There was a landowner – This owner is God the Father.

The Origin Of All Things Is God – “planted a vineyard,” – The vineyard is Israel. Psalm 80:8-9

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

Psalm 73:1 – “Surely God is good to Israel,”

Isa 5:1-7

Isa 5:7 – “For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,”

God's Protection – “and put a wall around it,”

God's Provision – “and dug a vat under the wine press,” – “Wine press”

God's Precaution – “and built a tower,” – The tower was 15-20 feet in height.

God’s Purpose – “and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey.”

2. Verses 2-8 – God’s Witness:

Mark 12:2

“And at the harvest time” – That is the purpose of planting a vineyard is to receive fruit.

Verses 2-5 – God Sent His Servants: “he sent a slave” – This would be OT Prophets, Moses to John The Baptist. Acts 14:17

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 – Gen-Rev

We have the witness of the Christian Church for the last 2000 years.

Mark 12:3 – “And they took him, and beat him,” – “punched him”

Mark 12:4

“wounded him in the head,” – Wycliffe translates it – “Break his head” or “bashed his head in.”

Mark 12:5 – “And he sent another, and that one they killed;” – “Stoned to death”

Notice The progression of their sin and disobedience: Beat, treated him shamefully, killing others!

This Is Israel’s History. 2 Chronicles 36:16

Matt 23:35

Heb. 11:37-38

Verses 6-8 – God Sent His Son: Mark 12:6

“He had one more to send, a beloved son;” – there is a distinction between the slaves and God’s Son. Mark 9:7

Mark 12:7

“This is the heir;” – Heb. 1:2

Mark 12:8

“and threw him out of the vineyard.” – (No decent burial) Heb 13:12-13

Greatest sin is not placing one’s faith in Jesus – John 16:8-9

3. Verses 9-12 – God’s Severity:

Mark 12:9

“What will the owner of the vineyard do?” Matthew tells us, Matt. 21:41.

Luke 20:16

What’s Appropriate, What Should One Do? “He will come and destroy the vine-growers,” – (Divine Judgment) In 70 AD

2 Cor. 5:11

“and will give the vineyard to others.” – The Apostles Acts, Epistles, The Apostles Doctrine is to be taught and followed, not Rabbi’s, Pharisees!

Mark 12:10

Mark 11:27 – “the chief priests, and scribes, and elders came to Him,”

Psalm 118:22-23

"The stone" – God is referred to as a rock – Deut. 32:4, 18, 30-31

Jesus was the foundation stone and corner stone – Eph 2:20-22;
1 Peter 2:4-5

Jesus was a stumbling stone – Isa. 8:14-15; Rom. 9:32-33; 1 Cor. 1:23

The Second Coming, Jesus will be a striking stone of destruction –
Dan 2:34

Builders were the Jewish religious leaders, Acts 4:11

"rejected," – Literally "to discard after fully testing, reject after
investigation."

Mark 12:11 – Psalm 118:22-23

"And it is marvelous in our eyes" – The rejected stone would be
resurrected.

Mark 12:12

Matt 21:45 – "they understood that He was speaking about them."

Luke 20:18

Application:

1. God's Goodness Is Taking Place At This Very Moment, By God Graciously Giving To Us The Breath Of Life; The Ability To Think, And Reason, Even To Reject Or To Receive Him.
2. God's Witness Is Revealed Through His Creation, History, Written In The Human Heart, And Revealed In Scripture.
3. God's Severity Will Justly Come To Those Who Will Not Acknowledge Their Need, God's Witness As The Creator And Savior Of The World.