

The Parables of Jesus

Lesson Eleven – Parables of the Two Sons and the Wicked Tenants - Handout

I. Parable of the Two Sons

a. The Players

- i. A Man – _____
- ii. 1st Son – Tax collectors et al
- iii. 2nd Son – Pharisees and Scribes
- iv. Vineyard – His _____

b. Matthew 21:28

- i. “Son...”
 - 1. Acknowledges an _____ relationship.
- ii. “...go and work...”
 - 1. There is something that is _____ for us to do.

c. Matthew 21:29

- i. “I will not...”
 - 1. Their sinful life _____ they were not _____ to be _____ to what God commanded.
- ii. “...but later he changed...”
 - 1. They _____ at the preaching of John the Baptist.

d. Matthew 21:30

- i. “I will...”
 - 1. They professed _____.
- ii. “...sir...”
 - 1. The feigned _____ for His authority.

iii. “did not go...”

- 1. Refused to be part of the Kingdom.

e. Matthew 21:31

- i. “Which...”
 - 1. By answering His question, they _____ themselves.

ii. "...are entering...ahead of you..."

1. Did not say, "They are entering and you are _____."
2. The opportunity still exists if they are willing to _____.
3. Pledging or _____ to be obedient is not enough.

f. Matthew 21:32

- i. Their guilt is in not _____ to the teaching of John and thus repenting.

II. Parable of the Wicked Tenants

a. Matthew 21:33

i. "Listen to another parable..."

1. I can imagine they had heard enough already.

ii. "...planted a vineyard...built a watchtower."

1. They knew he was referring to them from Isaiah 5:1-2
2. After the Exodus, giving of the Law and construction of the temple, God " _____ " and left the guidance of Israel to its "shepherds."

b. Matthew 21:34

i. "When the harvest time..."

1. There will always come a time when we must give an account of the " _____ " we bear.

c. Matthew 21:35-36

- i. Throughout their history, God sent the prophets (servants) to guide them back through _____ and they ignored and abuse them.
- ii. See Luke 11:50; Hebrews 11:36.37; Matthew 23:24
- iii. Mark 12 and Luke 20 share the same parable but with different specifics about the number, the order and the treatment, but the outcome is the same.

d. Matthew 21:37-39

i. "...he sent his son..."

1. The _____ of Jesus

ii. "...take his inheritance..."

1. The return to a glorious nation was to come through _____.

iii. "...threw him out...and killed him.

1. Jesus is telling them what they are thinking.

a. See Acts 7:52; Hebrews 13:12

e. Matthew 21:40-41

i. By asking them to answer the question, He allows them to _____ themselves.

ii. "...rent the vineyard to other tenants..."

1. God's vineyard will be taken care of, if not by them, God will "invite" others.

f. Matthew 21:42-44

i. As so many of the Kingdom Parables stated, the invitation to the Kingdom began with _____, but it was always God's intent for "_____ nations" to come.

1. Those who refused to be obedient and fulfill their purpose will be left out and "destroyed".

a. AD 70 destruction of the Temple.

i. See Luke 20:15-16

g. Matthew 21:45

i. Obviously, the purpose of these parables was to get the attention of the religious leaders and let them know God's intention for His Kingdom.

III. The Parables Lessons

a. God is _____, giving us multiple opportunities.

b. The door remains _____ for all to come.

c. God's _____ is on display.

d. Within the Kingdom, God will raise up or remove based upon the "_____ of the fruit of _____.

e. The Kingdom is about both _____ and fruit _____.

