

# With No Fear of the Judgment

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(Fifth Sunday In Lent, 4/3/22)

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**Lead In** – What stands out to me in the Parable of the Wicked Tenants is the absolute failure on the part of the tenants to reckon with any future action on the part of the owner. There is no fear of a future day of severe judgment. They had confused his immediate absence and his patient and gracious attempts to win them over with leniency and weakness. And they were so wrong!

## I. Explain the Representations in the Parable

- A. The owner is God, the vineyard is Israel...
- B. The tenants are Israel's religious leaders...
- C. The servants are the prophets...
- D. The beloved Son is Jesus...

## II. New Tenants And the Resurrection Rock

- A. Use of Ps 118:22 for both cross and resurrection...
- B. Upon this rock I will build my church...
- C. Judgment of the past leading to final judgment...

## III. He Will Come Again to Judge the Living & Dead

- A. Eternal destruction is to be separated from life...
- B. True worship matters...

**Parting Shot** – We cannot emphasize enough God's love and His mercy. "The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever, his mercies never cease. They are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness." But it will be to our peril if we confuse this with leniency and weakness! Instead, it is patience, one prophet after another culminating in God's Son. He is the cornerstone that stands and endures forever. And all who fall on this stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him. May we instead, with repentant faith, surrender to Him and His loving embrace, and build our lives upon this foundation.

**Lk 3:22** and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**Lk 9:35** And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!"

**Ps 118:22-23** The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**Mt 16:18** And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

**Succession of Judgments:** After the Exodus, the Judges, the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Romans

# Luke 20:9-20 ESV

*The Parable of the Wicked Tenants*

<sup>9</sup>And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup>When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup>Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' <sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' <sup>15</sup>And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" <sup>17</sup>But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?" <sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

<sup>19</sup>The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20</sup>So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor."

**Creed:** "He will come again to the judge the living and the dead."

**2Th 1:8-9** inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might

**He 12:28-29** Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

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