



SERMON NOTES

January 22, 2012

Scripture: Luke 20:9-18 (NAS)

Topic: "Authority Accompanies Rightful Ownership"

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- 1 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.
- 2 "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.
- 3 "And he proceeded to send another slave; and they beat him also and treated him shamefully and sent him away empty-handed.
- 4 "And he proceeded to send a third; and this one also they wounded and cast out.
- 5 "The owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.'
- 6 "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.'
- 7 "So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What, then, will the owner of the vineyard do to them?
- 8 "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!"
- 9 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'?
- 10 "Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."

I. THE WRONGFUL ASSUMPTION OF OWNERSHIP

- A. The Jewish Leaders Asked "By Whose Authority?"
- B. They Falsely Presumed Authority
- C. The Assumed Ownership

II. THE SYMBOLS IN THE PARABLE

- A. God Is The Owner Of The Vineyard
- B. Israel Is The Vineyard
- C. The Vine Growers Are The Jewish religious Leaders
- D. The Three Servants Sent Are The Prophets

E. The Owner's Son Is The Lord Jesus Christ

III. A WARNING IS GIVEN

- A. To The Nation Of Israel
- B. To The Church *Romans 11:17-21*

IV. THE VINEYARD OWNER HAS EXPECTATIONS

- A. For his Vineyard *II Peter 1:2,3*
- B. For His Vine Growers *Matthew 5:16; Psalm 34:8*

V. THE PATIENCE OF THE LORD Psalm 86:15

- A. One Servant Should Be Sufficient
- B. Two Generous
- C. Three Unreasonable And Unexpected
- D. Sending His Son Showed The Enormity Of His Grace

VI. HIS PATIENCE DOES NOT EXCLUDE HIS JUDGMENT

- A. His Patience Is Extravagant *John 3:16; Romans 5:8*
- B. His Judgment Will Follow *Romans 11:22; Psalm 2:1-4*