

Theme: THE PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD & THE HOUSEHOLDER

Memory Verse: Matthew 21:33 *“Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country”:*

Texts: Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19

In the second parable, the Lord drew upon the imagery of the vineyard, and spoke directly to the children of Israel and their leaders. It is of special significance that every thing that should be done in the case of this vineyard in our Lord’s parable has been done. The householder, after doing all that should be done, went into a far country, and rented out the vineyard to husbandmen who were to manage it and pay him his due.

The interpretation is that the vineyard represents the children of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:8-16; Jeremiah 2:21). The hedge around the vineyard in the parable is the law, the statues and the ordinances (the whole word) that God gave them. This law accounts for their distinctiveness among other nations and it is the hedge of God round about them. He was their defence, a wall of fire round about them. The Householder represents God and He is the owner of the vineyard – Israel.

He planted Israel in Canaan and handed over the nation to the Judges, Chief Priest, Priests, and leaders among their tribes. These were the husbandmen, the cultivators. They were to make the children of Israel bring forth fruits unto the Lord – fruits of equity, justice, judgment, praise, worship, love, righteousness, and acceptable sacrifice of sweet smelling savour. But the leaders of Israel did not lead the people in the right way. They did not appropriately and adequately teach the law. The people, therefore, went astray. This made the Lord to send prophets to them so that they (the prophets) could lead the people back to the Lord.

DAILY BIBLE READING		
MORNING		EVENING.
MON.	Jos. 4	Jas. 4
TUS.	Jos. 5	J as. 5
WED.	Jos. 6	1 Pet 1
THUR.	Jos. 7	1 Pet.2.
FRI.	Jos.. 8	1 Pet.3
SAT.	Jos. 9	1 Pet. 4
SUN.	Jos. 10	1 Pet. 5