

**Theme: THE ATTITUDE OF THE LEADERS CAPTURED**

**Memory Verse:** *2 Chron.24:20-21 “And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you. <sup>21</sup>And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the LORD.”*

**Texts: Mathew 21:34-36; 2 Kings 6:30-31; Hebrew 11:32-38**

Jesus here briefly and appropriately captures the attitude of the leaders of the people to the prophets. He clearly shows the persecution of heaven recognised servants. The persecution consists of beating by degenerate Israel. Right from the time of the kings, they had always accepted the false prophets while they rejected the true prophets.

The apostate, backslidden church is doing the same today. The backslider mocked and criticises the people of God and the word of God. The uniform testimony of the scriptures is that what backslidden, degenerate Israel did will be repeated by the backslidden, apostate Church at the close of the age. They will accept the false prophets and reject the true prophets of God.

When your heart becomes critical against the word of God and those who teach that word, you are backslidden and degenerate, you may then begin to persecute those who are in faith. The only option left to you is to turn to the Lord again in repentance that He might restore you. Jesus made clear in the parable and the explanation is clearly stated for us to understand the similarity between the apostate, degenerate Israel and the backslidden, apostate Church. We should be careful not to join the apostate, backslidden church.

DAILY BIBLE READING			
MORNING		EVENING.	
MON.	Jos. 11		2 Pet. 1
TUS.	Jos. 12		2 Pet. 2
WED.	Jos. 13		2 Pet 3
THUR.	Jos. 14		1 Jn. 1
FRI.	Jos.. 16		1 Jn.2
SAT.	Jos. 17		1 Jn. 3
SUN.	Jos. 18		1 Jn. 4