



The Tenants

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READING: Luke 20

In Luke 20:9-18, Jesus tells a parable about a man who lends his vineyard out to tenants. The man sends three different servants to collect from the tenants, and each time they are beaten and given nothing. Finally, the man sends his son who is killed by the tenants. Jesus' listeners would have known that a vineyard in the Old Testament was a metaphor for Israel. In this parable, Jesus was saying that the tenants were the Jewish religious leaders. Notice how patient the man is with his tenants. If this were me, I would have done something after they beat just one person I sent! God is more patient with sinners than we would ever be! Jesus was pointing His listeners to the fact that He was the son and that He would be killed. The religious leaders heard this parable and said, "There's no way this could be us." Jesus reminds us that He is the cornerstone! Some people will come to Christ broken over their own sin, and others will refuse to come to Christ and will be crushed in judgment.

Christian, do not listen to this parable and think, "How could they do that?" Apart from the grace of God, you and I are the tenants in this story. Thank God He opened your eyes to see how sinful you are and how much you need Christ.

PRAYER: God, make me more aware of my own sin so I can repent and become more like Christ. Forgive me for the times I have not been patient with others. Thank You for being so patient with me.

TOMORROW'S READING: Luke 21

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