

Reflection: We can look at the parable in today's Gospel passage from the perspective of its historical context and from the perspective of its modern application.

To take the historical context: Who are the various participants in the story? The landowner is God the Father. The tenants are the chief priests and the elders of the people to whom the parable is addressed. The servants sent to collect the produce of the vineyard are the prophets. And finally, the son whom the landowner sent and who was rejected utterly and who was thrown out and killed by the tenants is Jesus.

This was a stark warning to the religious leaders of Jesus' day. They had rejected the prophets whom God had sent and they were rejecting Jesus and he was warning them that there would be dire consequences. Out of their own mouths they condemned themselves. He asked them what the landowner would do to the wicked tenants and they answered: 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end.' Then having completed the telling of the story and having heard the response of the chief priests and the elders, Jesus opened their eyes to its meaning. He told them that he was the stone rejected by the builders who became the keystone. And then, lest there be any doubt he announced to them: 'I tell you, then, that the Kingdom of God will be taken from you given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

No doubt the chief priests and the elders were furious at being compared to faithless tenants; and no doubt they were furious at having been made to condemn themselves.

Now to the present day application: At a remove of two millennia we can feel quite smug and happily join-in in the condemnation of the wretched tenants. But we had better be careful. Could any of the things said to or about the tenants apply to us? Have we received God's messengers and listened to them. Have we received his Son with respect and reverence and listened to him and acted on his call to us? As people in whom the Holy Spirit dwells since our baptism and Confirmation, have we produced the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control which are the Lord's due and delivered them to him?

In as much as the parable was a wake-up call, so to speak, to the chief priests and the elders of the people of Jesus' day so it is to us.

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