

# *The Stone the Builders Rejected*

Gospel of Mark Series – Part 36

Scripture text – Mark 12:1-12

## Introduction

- \_\_\_\_\_ is a psychological attempt to block out unpleasant or distressing memories, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
- This is actually a \_\_\_\_\_ concept. The deepest repression, common to all unregenerated humanity, is \_\_\_\_\_ toward God.
- This is the \_\_\_\_\_ of much of humanity's anxiety and psychological distress.
- In Mark 12, Jesus tells a parable about a group of people who \_\_\_\_\_ God, but repressed it.

## The Parable

- Much of the farmland in Palestine was owned by foreign, \_\_\_\_\_ owners. The owner-tenant relationship was often marked by hostility.
- 5 analogies:
  1. In the Old Testament, a vineyard is often a metaphor for \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. The owner of the vineyard is \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. The tenants are Israel's \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. The servants are the Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. The son is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus is describing the entire sweep of \_\_\_\_\_ from the planting of Israel (1400 BC) as a nation to the very end of the \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Tenants & the Owner

- The tenants were expected to tend the owner's vineyard by \_\_\_\_\_ word & for \_\_\_\_\_ profit. However, the tenants were resentful because they wanted to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- This is condition of unregenerated humanity: We \_\_\_\_\_ God for his ownership. We want to tend our lives by \_\_\_\_\_ word & for \_\_\_\_\_ profit.
- Often, we hide our resentment under the cloak of \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Tenants & the Servants

- Today, there is no longer a prophetic office because we have the complete \_\_\_\_\_.
- Instead of servants, God sends \_\_\_\_\_ to remind us that we're tenants, not owners.
- Often, this reminder comes in the form of \_\_\_\_\_.
- God has been shouting to us for the past 8 months. However, there's little evidence we are \_\_\_\_\_\_. It appears we're going to trust \_\_\_\_\_ to rescue us.

### The Tenants & the Son

- If you need any proof of humanity's hatred of God, consider that when God came to humanity, we \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- Irony #1: Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ the builders rejected. This stone has become the cornerstone.
- Irony #2: The killing of Christ out of \_\_\_\_\_ is the very means by which God \_\_\_\_\_ the enmity.

### Conclusion

- The parable ends with \_\_\_\_\_. Warnings in the Bible are always intended to bring about \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 possibilities:
  1. You've been trying to live as an \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. You have repressed \_\_\_\_\_ toward God.

