

## *Insight into the parables - What God Spoke - the Effects of what He Spoke!*

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Words are powerful, and the effects of them are powerful! We all need to understand what the Lord spoke and the effects of those words. They need to be at the foundation of our beliefs. The Lord's words are the overriding authority of the universe. As it is written, "*Where the word of a king is, there is power; and who may say to him, 'What are you doing?'*" The Lord Jesus is the King of kings and has all authority in heaven and in earth. Here is what the Lord said to me, to prompt me to write this article.

*"New tasks I AM bringing forth for you to carry out...Article My son...About My word. Write about what I spoke and the effects of what I speak; mainly in My ministry while upon the earth. I will show you the words I spoke that I would have you write about...Read through the gospel of Mark. I will reveal things to you and what I want you to write and speak about...I will give you revelation on them by My Spirit."*

The following parables from the gospel of Mark are the scriptures the Lord showed me for the purpose of this article. The Bible is a book of the "things of the Spirit" that create a mural. These smaller pictures reveal a bigger picture, as well as the greatest love story of all time. The Lord gave these scriptures in the order they are written and presented here. This pattern creates a larger picture for us to see. There is purpose in everything the Lord does. Let us allow the Spirit of the Lord to lead, beginning with the first verse He had me read in Mark.

### *"A Mural to Reveal a Bigger Picture"*

*Mark 1:44*

*(Jesus)... said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."*

The Lord's testimony is what follows in this article.

*Mark 4:13*

*And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?"*

Jesus had spoken about a parable of a sower. Each seed fell in a different way and produced different results. (Note: A parable is an allegory using symbolism to present a message.) The words the Lord spoke have absolutes and they are life giving! In this parable the seed (meaning word) that was sown fell according to how each received it. The words the Lord spoke were received by their **measure of faith**. Paul wrote in Romans 12:3, "...as God has dealt to each one a *measure of faith*." It takes faith to even become saved! The seed is sown in our hearts. Then it takes the measure of faith we have been given to understand the word and its interpretation for it to come to fruit. So to understand the effects of the words sown, we need to understand what the Lord said to the people who asked Him about it.

*10 But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. 11 And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but*

*to those who are outside, all things come in parables, 12 so that 'Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And their sins be forgiven them.*

The people who asked the Lord about the parable evidently had the word take root in them. The Lord said to me, "Parables tell many stories My son. They range in diversities. But to know them all is to understand My word given and its meaning." Seeking the understanding (which can mean to know, recognize, or realize something) leads to the understanding. Sometimes understanding translates into knowing you don't have the full understanding. Knowing this truth is wisdom itself. Understanding this truth gives access to knowing the mystery of the Kingdom. However, there was still another truth they needed to learn.

In verse 12 the Lord said, "*so that 'Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand.'*" Everyone the Lord just spoke to saw and heard the words the Lord gave. I would not doubt that the Lord prophesied the words He spoke to all who heard concerning the parable. Considering the outcome of the parable, most did not use their measure of faith to be saved, or allow their measure of faith to grow and produce fruit. The Lord said, "Know the seed sown is knowing the greatest in all measure. What do I mean? My word takes root according to your measure of faith. No faith equals no root. Each measure is given, but that measure needs to grow. How else can the branch (meaning us) grow relying on itself for resources unchecked? This is impossible. To know them all (meaning parables), is to know this one factor." Faith without an act is dead. You act upon the measure of faith you operate at! That is why in the last example of the parable, the seed that fell on good ground "increased and produced". This means they allowed their measures of faith to increase and bear fruit. Some increased to thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred-fold. They grew in their measures given, while the others remained premature, bearing no fruit. The people who inquired of the Lord did not have this understanding. The Lord said to me, "How else can you have eyes to see and ears to hear, if not by faith. Did I not say My words I speak unto you are Spirit, and they are life?"

To understand words that are Spirit, you have to get the understanding of why they were given. This in return brings life. This is called intimacy, as those who went and sought Jesus found about the parable He spoke. The only one who gives the understanding is the Lord, as indicated by the scriptures above. Doing this takes faith on our part to use our measures given. That is why the Lord said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? It takes our measure of faith to see, hear, and understand in the first place. This refers to someone becoming saved, and then allowing this seed to grow in measure to produce fruit, and that fruit should remain. Now we can understand the next parable, and why the Lord had me mark it!

### ***Completed Faith is an Act***

*Mark 4:30-32*

*Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? 31 It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; 32 but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade.*

Jesus is now giving a comparison in a parable to the Kingdom of God. Again, a seed is sown into a person's heart. As the scriptures say, "*the kingdom of God is within you.*" We see from this parable it takes only a small measure to take root. This resembles the measure of faith needed for you to become saved. We also see when this takes place our seed should grow! The Lord asked me, "Do you believe I can move mountains?" I replied yes! Then He said, "Be-

lieve, even in the greatest oppositions and watch it water your seed of faith." Watering our seed is referring again to increasing its measure of growth and bringing forth fruit through acts. The Lord said again, "My word says the mustard seed grows to become the largest of all trees. This is because I water it through a life walked by faith in Me. Does not My word say I give the increase?" This is true to scripture as well when the Lord said, "for without me you can do nothing." (John 15:5). Also in,

*1 Corinthians 3:6-7*

*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.*

This happens in a life walked out by faith in the Lord. For instance, we have all been in situations where we needed to exercise our faith. I'll share one example in my life where the Lord watered my seed of faith. Here is the scenario.

On April 16, 2013, The Lord said to me, "I AM still moving in your midst My son. Walk with Me and notice My moves. They are not your average day to day routine. I have plans for you..."

A couple of hours later I received a text message from the Lebanon Rehab Center. I had already visited the people there quit often, but had not been able to for a while. Here is that text message:

*Hey Kyle! It's Regina! (She is the activities person at the Lebanon, TN Rehab Center here in Lebanon). Wanted to check with you and see if you are going to be here Thursday. We have several new admissions that are younger and I thought they might relate to you really well. Also, there is a Mr. Warrick, room 308B. He says he has no religious preference at all, basically a non-believer. Thought you might check in on him too. Let me know!*

I responded back and told her I would be there. I knew this was from the Lord. Then the Lord revealed His plan further by giving me a dream that night. Here is an excerpt from it.

### ***Dream, April 17, 2013***

*I remember looking at a guy outside in an open area, and there were other people around. This area had a desert-like atmosphere. The guy was standing close to a dark entrance into something. I knew there were evil things present in there. I knew there was the creature/demon "Predator" in there. It seems like the guy knew this also. Then I saw him march to his right, then back to his left. I felt the people around him were thinking what he was doing was ridiculous looking. Then after this, he started walking towards the entrance and the people were watching him do this. As he walked in, I was now him. As I walked in it was dark, and then I could see well. There were different hallways and rooms in this place.*

The Lord gave me the interpretation of the dream that morning. He revealed that I would do spiritual warfare in front of the Lebanon Rehab Center, as it was shown in the dream. The Lord also exposed the spiritual condition around and in that place. Then the Lord told me why the spiritual warfare would take place the next day. This would be the day I was going up there. These are the words I received from the Lord that morning.

### **April 18, 2013**

Proceed with your agenda you have planned today. Work My covenant promises and be a light to those people as I have called you to be. I want you to do spiritual warfare outside the build-

ing My son. What would you have me do Lord? March My son. Where at Lord? Right in front of the building My son. Take seven steps to your right and seven steps to your left. I will give you further instruction afterwards. This does things unknown to you in the spiritual realm My son. Testimonies will abound...Many things will be shown to you today. Remember and record them. They will give witness to your calling and office I have placed you in. No more doubts. All will be made known.

I carried out everything the Lord commanded me to do. Also, the Lord had me thrust my hands forward three times after marching. (Note: It was portrayed exactly as the dream showed it would be! There were a lot of people out in the parking lot, not to mention that I pulled in right behind an ambulance. This place is not that big.) I brought my notebook along and recorded what the Lord was going to reveal. One of these testimonies would be a witness to my calling and office. This concerns the office of a prophet. Here is that event,

I visited an elderly lady, Mrs. Vaughn, in room 205. Upon speaking with her, I noticed the TV just happened to be on The National Geographic channel. They were talking about floods and people having to move to higher ground. I saw a woman they were trying to save. She had been swept away in her house, and the only thing that was not taken away was the foundation of the home.

This was confirmation to a prophetic word the Lord gave me concerning end-time events. Here is an excerpt from that word,

### **March 28, 2013**

Beginning with the end these things shall come to pass, floods of atomic size proportions, engulfing people causing massive landslides. They shall not escape...

This testimony shows how events from the Lord will water our seed of faith! This happens again through our act of faith with obedience. This increases our measure of growth by producing fruit. Obedience is an act. By us being obedient, the Lord can give the increase. The Lord said, "Allow Me to water your faith by experience." The experience comes from obedience to what the Lord has shown through the things of the Spirit, which are dreams, words, visions, etc. - then follows a life walked out by faith and obedience in Him to see your root blossom and grow. This was not carried out by the people in the following scriptures.

### **Offended**

*Mark 6:2-4*

*And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! 3 Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" And they were offended at Him. 4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."*

Here Jesus began to sow seed (teach) to those who were hearing. But the people started to question His authority and the wisdom by which He spoke. They even questioned the works He did by his own hands to give witness of His authority. This questioning bears witness to their unbelief. This unbelief is brought about by a lack of faith. These people are skeptical; they lack faith. The Lord has revealed these are the people who received the seed by the way-side in the parable of the sower. They did not understand that the Lord's words were, "spirit" and they were, "life". As the Lord said, "No faith equals no root."

Here is another example in scripture of unbelief that bears no fruit.

*John 6:35-36*

*And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe.*

*John 6:41-42*

*The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven." 42 And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven'?"*

They heard the word and did not receive it. When the truth is spoken, you either receive it and bear fruit or you get offended. This is a truth! The Lord said, *"I will lead you to truth, show you truth, and you will feel the effects of knowing the truth. It has an outcome when you (obtain it). That outcome is freedom and victory."* The Lord said this is obtained, meaning you have to receive the truth by faith! The truth is what sets us free! Receiving the truth in faith leads us to the fruit of freedom and victory.

These next scriptures show what happens when we don't receive the truth in faith and are dealt with being offended by the truth! When you are offended by the truth it leads to betrayal and hate, quite the opposite of freedom and victory.

*John 6: 60-66*

*Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?" 61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? 63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. 65 And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father." 66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more*

This leads us to the next scripture the Lord had me write. This parable connects with being offended! Being offended can lead to, or will already be, the fruit of betrayal and hate.

*Mark 9:42-50*

*"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea. 43 If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched-- 44 where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.' 45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched-- 46 where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.' 47 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire-- 48 where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.' 49 "For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. 50 Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."*



Here Jesus speaks about offenses coming to, "one of these little ones that believe in me". In the Strong's Concordance the Greek word "little" can translate as: quantity in number, or (fig.) dignity, least, or less. From these comparisons the Lord gave, it would be better not to have certain body members than to offend a little one. He was giving the comparison to how it would be better to live without these members, than to commit these acts. Nevertheless, these offenses will happen.

*Luke 17:1*

*Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!"*

The Lord was not only referring to Judas Iscariot, He was also referring to everyone who would continually allow offenses to come through them. To get a better understanding from the words the Lord spoke here, we look to our schoolmaster. Somebody who committed offenses to His little ones often was a woman named Jezebel. So let's look at some scripture and allow the Lord to paint a picture.

*1 Kings 18:4*

*For so it was, while Jezebel massacred the prophets of the Lord, that Obadiah had taken one hundred prophets and hidden them, fifty to a cave, and had fed them with bread and water.*

The Greek word for offend in the Strong's Concordance #4624 means: (scandalize) apostasy or displeasure. Also from #4625: to entrap, trip up, stumble or entice to sin, offence. We can see how she offended those who followed the Lord by her scandals and outrageous acts. This happened by killing them and causing others to be hid. Jesus also said in scripture,

*Matthew 12:30*

*He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.*

Jezebel did not gather at all. Instead, she scattered and committed offensive acts against the Lord's people. Her hands offended much, as another instance in scripture indicates.

*1 Kings 21:1-7*

*And it came to pass after these things that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard which was in Jezreel, next to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 2 So Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near, next to my house; and for it I will give you a vineyard better than it. Or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money." 3 But Naboth said to Ahab, "The Lord forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!" 4 So Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food. 5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, "Why is your spirit so sullen that you eat no food?" 6 He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.' 7 Then Jezebel his wife said to him, "You now exercise authority over Israel! Arise, eat food, and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."*

The act king Ahab was trying to do wasn't right, because it is written, "Moreover the prince shall not take any of the people's inheritance by evicting them from their property; he shall provide an inheritance for his sons from his own property, so that none of My people may be scattered from his property." (Ezek. 46:18). More than likely Naboth knew this about his inherited vineyard. There Jezebel again comes to offend a "little one" and entrap Naboth.

1 Kings 21:8-10

And she wrote letters in Ahab's name, sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who were dwelling in the city with Naboth. 9 She wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth with high honor among the people; 10 and seat two men, scoundrels, before him to bear witness against him, saying, "You have blasphemed God and the king." Then take him out, and stone him, that he may die.

Obviously Jezebel's hands offended a lot. Also her feet offended much by worshipping other gods. This was another trait that led her to commit all these acts. The Lord hates feet eager in running to evil. Also, her witchcrafts were many.

2 Kings 9:30

Now when Jehu had come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she put paint on her eyes and adorned her head, and looked through a window.

All this lines up with what the Lord spoke from His own words that it is better for you not to have your hands, feet, and eyes than to offend His little ones! The culmination of what happened to Jezebel.

2 Kings 9:35

So they went to bury her, but they found no more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands.

This shows the completeness of the fruit of what Jesus spoke. It is better not to have these members, which remained as an example because of their unrepentant uses, than to be cast into hell. That's why the Lord said, "*Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another.*" The salt here is "prudence". This means we need to carefully consider the consequences of our actions. The scriptures say, "*But the prudent considers well his steps.*" Without prudence you do not consider the outcome of offenses. Jezebel surely had no prudence. That's why the Lord said to have it "in yourselves" and have peace with one another. This leads us to the next parable the Lord had me mark about ruling harshly.

### **Authority comes from God**

Mark 10:42-45

But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "*You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. 44 And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.*"

First, we need to realize that the only real authority is given from above! As we learn from scripture,

John 19:10-11

Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" 11 Jesus answered, "*You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.*"

The word "power" here in Strong's Concordance can represent: magistrate, authority, jurisdiction or power. Notice what Jesus said, *"You know that those who are (considered) rulers."* He did not say appointed.

The Lord said, *"Authority is only given by Me. Who else can give it, if it is only given from above? Others think they have obtained it by worldly standards, but these have been allowed to be placed by Me only also."* The world's standards are exactly what the Lord meant when He said "considered", meaning men establishing men, instead of God establishing men. Even in men establishing men, the Lord said, *"Others think they have obtained it by worldly standards, but these have been "allowed" to be placed by Me only also."* The Lord allows this to happen, meaning men establishing men, but this does not mean that it's **been "established" by Him.**

We should never think ourselves as being over anyone. Those who consider themselves as lordship, then appoint great ones authority over others, do not understand that we all minister to each other for the Lord's purposes. Those who choose not (*meaning what He has called each to do*), exercise their own "so called lordship" over others. This is not what the Lord taught! These people who exercise their own "lordship" are charlatans. The Lord showed His disciples the true ways of God when He gave them the complete opposite of what man's idea of authority was.

The Lord said, *"Humility brings you more responsibility, which leads you to exaltation. Because you have come to the understanding that you are no greater than anyone, therefore your position is exalted and you minister to all."* The Lord showed us the greatest act of humility by leaving His throne-ship and becoming like us to redeem us unto eternal life! This was the greatest example of all about humility, and who can give a perfect example other than God Himself! The Great I AM washed men's feet! As the scriptures say,

*Job 25:6*

*How much less man, who is a maggot, And a son of man, who is a worm?*

*Psalms 22:6*

*But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people.*

In all the humility the Lord showed to us, as well as being despised, He still gave so much continually in all aspects - in ministering, and being a servant to all. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords! He is above all, yet He is still serving today! The Lord said to me, *"I AM here for My people. As a waiting servant I AM."* This is the example the Lord taught and left for us, that we should follow in His steps. We live in a world now that has reversed these roles, and it seems humility is not allowed. The Lord said, *"Never reverse the roles, as this leads to chaos as you see this world has come too. Being ruled by men themselves instead of Me through them showing My example I left for all."* The opposite of humility is pride. This world and even the churches are run by men who are in "self." They do not allow the Lord to lead them and work through them. "Self" always brings self-destruction! This brings us to the last parable the Lord had me mark. This leads into the parable the Lord spoke about authority and lordship!

### **God's Messengers**

*Mark 12:1-11*

*Then He began to speak to them in parables: "A man planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a place for the wine vat and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. 2 Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that he might receive some of the fruit of the vineyard from the vinedressers. 3 And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 4 Again he sent them another servant, and at him they threw stones, wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully treated. 5 And*



again he sent another, and him they killed; and many others, beating some and killing some. 6 Therefore still having one son, his beloved, he also sent him to them last, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 7 But those vinedressers said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' 8 So they took him and killed him and cast him out of the vineyard. 9 Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vinedressers, and give the vineyard to others. 10 Have you not even read this Scripture: 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. 11 This was the Lord's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes?'" 12 And they sought to lay hands on Him, but feared the multitude, for they knew He had spoken the parable against them. So they left Him and went away.

The man in this parable is Jesus. He planted, meaning He sowed the seed throughout and instilled doctrine to those who would receive it. The man (Jesus) is the one planting, setting, digging, building, and letting out, and going away. The vineyard is the people receiving the planting. The hedge is the establishment of the new covenant and its better promises. The Lord said, "I gave the example, didn't I? I showed what walking in total covenant looked like, didn't I? Total covenant is walking in both covenants and gaining the promises of both." Then He dug a place for the wine vat. This is representing the Lord's crucifixion. The Lord was pressed hard and His blood was spilt for all mankind. The Lord said, "Do not grapes get pressed to receive the juice?" Then He built a tower. The tower is the authority He left in His name! To expound more on this I would like to quote some scriptures the Lord gave me to give a clearer picture.

*Proverbs 18:10*

*The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.*

The Lord gave me another demonstration of this in scripture, but from a physical view.

*Judges 9:50-53*

*Then Abimelech went to Thebez, and he encamped against Thebez and took it. 51 But there was a strong tower in the city, and all the men and women--all the people of the city--fled there and shut themselves in; then they went up to the top of the tower. 52 So Abimelech came as far as the tower and fought against it; and he drew near the door of the tower to burn it with fire. 53 But a certain woman dropped an upper millstone on Abimelech's head and crushed his skull.*

Jesus is the strong tower within the midst of the city, which is a representation of the bride. A woman cast a piece of millstone upon Abimelech's head and crushed it. This represents the prediction of the coming Messiah to defeat the enemy!

*Genesis 3:15*

*And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head. And you shall bruise His heel."*

Jesus defeated the enemy at the cross and gave authority to us in His name! Then He released it to the vinedressers, meaning those appointed and called. Then the Lord went back to His rightful place at the right hand of the Father. The Lord went on to say, "*Now at vintage-time he sent.*" meaning the appointed time or occasion for something. This translates to the Bride of Christ making herself ready in the earth! The vinedressers are the religious leaders of today making gain from the vineyard by taking advantage of the flock and leading them astray. They do this by stealing, murdering, and proclaiming false doctrines. Then a servant was sent by the Lord. The Lord wanted to receive "from the vinedressers" the fruit (meaning the acts done) of the vineyard, because leadership determines the acts of a body! The vinedressers were the rulers of the household!

*Luke 12:42*

*And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season?"*

To get a better idea of this we refer to our schoolmaster again,

*Ezra 7:25*

*And you, Ezra, according to your God-given wisdom, set magistrates and judges who may judge all the people who are in the region beyond the River, all such as know the laws of your God; and teach those who do not know them.*

Ezra was labeled the High Priest during this time. He was appointed to set magistrates and judges to the people. This was for the people to understand the ways of God and His laws. Now, Jesus is our eternal High Priest, and He appoints those who are called to rule in their authoritative positions that He has set in His body. Like Ezra, Moses was also a representation of the Messiah to come by hearing from God and being the mediator to the people.

*Exodus 18:20-21*

*And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do. 21 Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.*

Households vary in size, and the Lord has called for their meat to be given in due season. Not much meat, if any, is being produced out of the churches of men. The Lord sends His servants because of His mercy. We can expect many to be hostile towards the Lord's servants because of the imbedded untruth that is already in them from their traditions and doctrines! The Lord came, He spoke, and He shed the truth of God. He was betrayed and persecuted. He gave His life for a cause that most people were blinded to! His true servants will follow His footsteps and will be sent out into the vineyard with a message!

*Ezekiel 28: 6-7*

For it is written, "6 *'Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Because you have set your heart as the heart of a god, 7 Behold, therefore, I will bring strangers against you, The most terrible of the nations; And they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, And defile your splendor. 8 They shall throw you down into the Pit, And you shall die the death of the slain In the midst of the seas."*

Those who do not receive His messengers, nor heed the warnings given through them by God, will be destroyed. This has happened to every kingdom that did not receive the warnings from God's messengers. As the Lord said, *"Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vinedressers, and give the vineyard to others.* This will be the Lord's doing.