

Matthew 21:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:

Analysis

This verse reveals profound theological truth central to Reformed understanding of Scripture. The passage demonstrates God's sovereignty and grace working through human circumstances. Christ's teaching here challenges contemporary religious assumptions while pointing to deeper spiritual realities.

Historical Context

The historical setting involved complex religious and political dynamics. Jewish leaders maintained authority through Roman tolerance while common people sought deliverance. Jesus' teaching addressed both immediate concerns and eternal truths.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What does this text reveal about human nature and God's grace?
2. How can you apply this teaching to current struggles or questions?
3. What changes in thinking or behavior does this passage require?

Interlinear Text

Ἄλλην παραβολὴν ἀκούσατε Ἀνθρωπος τις ἦν
another **parable** **Hear** **a certain** **G5100** **There was**
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οἰκοδεσπότης ὅστις ἐφύτευσεν ἀμπελῶνα καὶ φραγμὸν
householder **which** **planted** **a vineyard** **and** **hedged**
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αὐτὸν περιέθηκεν καὶ ὥρυξεν ἐν αὐτὸν ληνὸν καὶ
it **round about** **and** **digged** **in** **it** **a winepress** **and**
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ἀκοδόμησεν πύργον καὶ ἐξέδοτο αὐτὸν γεωργοῖς καὶ
built **a tower** **and** **let** **it** **to husbandmen** **and**
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ἀπεδήμησεν
went into a far country
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Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 2:21 (Parallel theme): Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?

John 15:1 (Parallel theme): I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

Hosea 4:1 (Parallel theme): Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

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