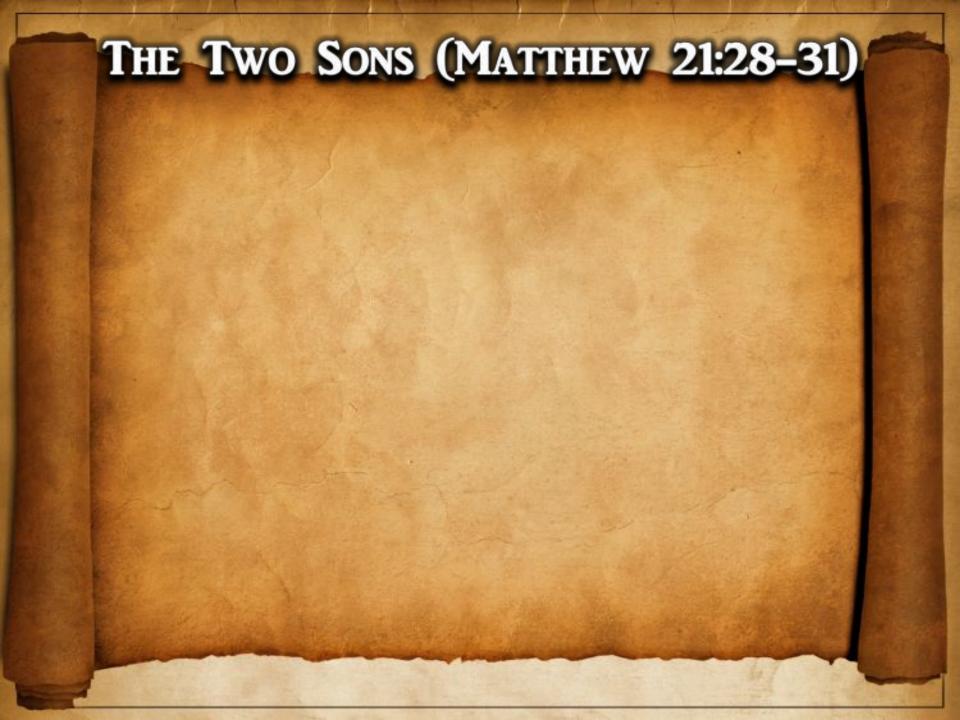
PARABLES OF JESUS



PARABLES ABOUT JUDGMENT





- A man had two sons.
- The father came to the first son to "Go and work today in the vineyard."
- At first, this son answered, "I will not," but afterward "he repented and went."



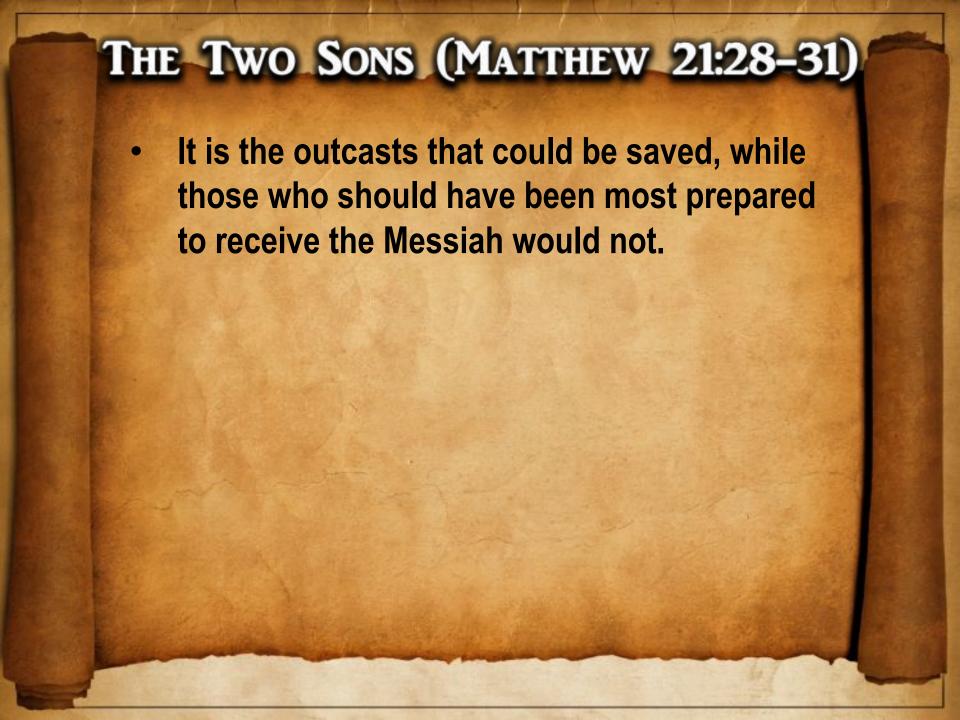
- The father then went to the second son and told him the same thing.
- The son said he would, but he did not.
- Unlike the first son, this son did not obey the command of the father.

THE TWO SONS (MATTHEW 21:28-31)

- "Which of the two did the will of his father?" (vs. 31)
- They said, "The first."
- Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you."

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 "For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; and you, seeing this, did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him." (vs. 32)



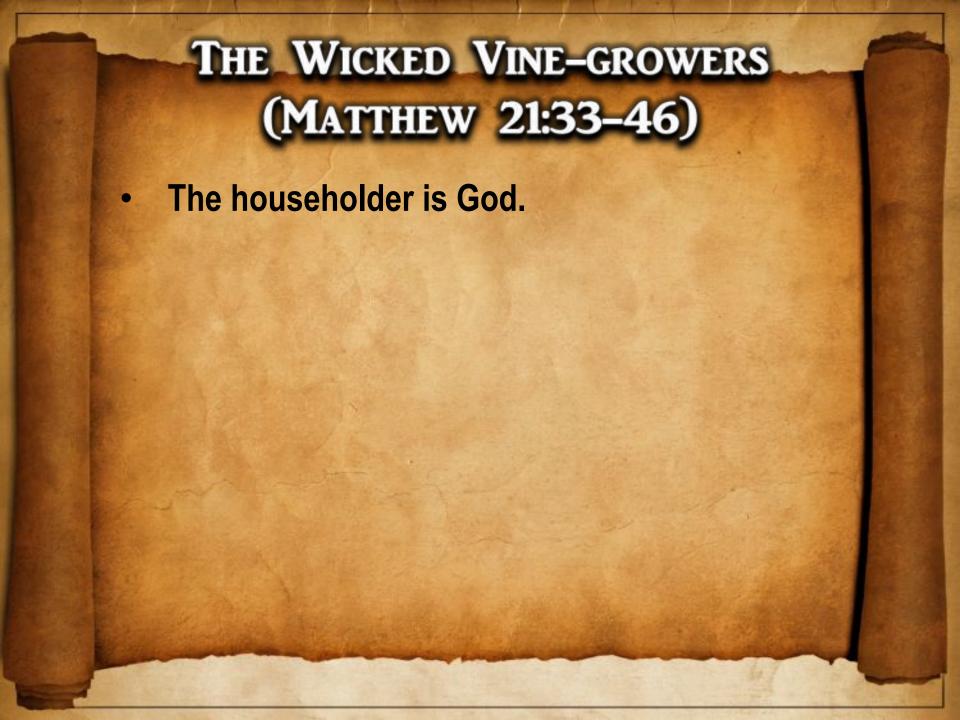


- It is the outcasts that could be saved, while those who should have been most prepared to receive the Messiah would not.
- Lip service is not enough!

- A certain householder planted a vineyard.
- He set a hedge about it, dug a winepress in it, built a tower, and then rented it out to certain landlords whose responsibility it was to render fruit to the householder at the proper season.

- Eventually, the householder sent certain servants to collect the rent (produce).
- The vine-growers were wicked. They beat, persecuted, and killed some of the servants.
- The householder sent other servants. These were treated in the same fashion.

- Finally, the owner sent his son.
- "But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' "They took him, and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. (vss. 38-39)





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- A wedding party is organized for a king's son.
- Invitations were sent out by word of mouth.
- Servants were sent to invite those that the king wanted to attend.
- Those who had been invited refused to attend.

- The king sent other servants to invite his guests.
- Again he sent out other slaves saying, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are all butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast." (vs. 4)
- They again refused to come.

- Some even became very violent.
- "But the king was enraged, and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire." (vs. 7)
- They were deemed unworthy to attend. (vs. 8)
- The king sent his servants into the highway to invite others. (vs. 9)

- The servants obeyed. (vs. 10)
- The wedding room was filled with guests!
- The king noticed a guest who was dressed appropriately. (vs. 11)
- "Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?' And the man was speechless." (vs. 12)
- The man was then kicked out! (vs. 13)





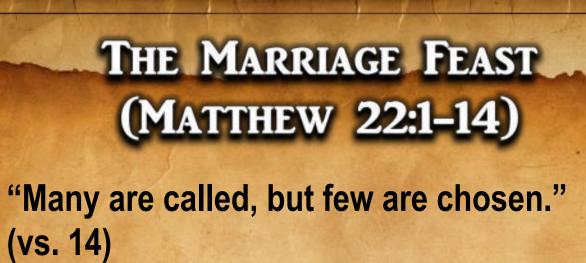
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