



THE KING AND COUNTERFEIT KINGDOMS COUPS, CORRUPTION & THE VINDICATION OF THE SON

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PREACHING POINT: Knowing that God will call our lives into account should move us from a self-focused life to one united with Christ and governed by his authority.

1. Expect _____ (vv.33-34)

2. Respect _____ (vv.35-41)

3. Submit _____ (vv.42-46)

Matthew 21:33–46 (ESV)

33 "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. 34 When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. 35 And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' 39 And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? 43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. 44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. 46 And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about LifeGroups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups or email us at info@compasshillcountry.org.

1. Write down one observation or application you found helpful from this week's sermon.

2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:10, Romans 14:12, and Luke 12:42–48. What do these passages teach you about your accountability before God for what he has entrusted to you?
 - a. If Christ scheduled your BEMA judgment for next week, what specific areas of your life would you be most concerned about giving an account for?

 - b. How can you prepare now to account for those areas in a way that will honor the Lord?

3. Read Romans 1:18–25, Psalm 24:1, and 1 Corinthians 6:19–20. Why is the temptation to live as though your life is your own such a serious offense against God?
 - a. Where in your life have you been treating something as "mine" when it actually belongs to God? (Marriage, money, kids, time, body, gifts, work, influence, etc.) How do you plan on surrendering these to God?

4. Read Acts 4:11–12 and 1 Peter 2:4–10. Do you live as if Jesus is the cornerstone of your life? Explain.
 - a. Where are you most tempted to step around Christ's authority rather than build your life on him?

 - b. What is one specific area of your life you need to bring under Christ's authority today?

*This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule*

May 10th
1 Kings 21-22 & John 3:1-21

May 11th
2 Kings 1-3 & John 3:22-36

May 12th
2 Kings 4-5 & John 4:1-30

May 13th
2 Kings 6-8 & John 4:31-54

May 14th
2 Kings 9-11 & John 5:1-24

May 15th
2 Kings 12-14 & John 5:25-47

May 16th
2 Kings 15-17 & John 6:1-21

May 17th
2 Kings 18-19 & John 6:22-44

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