

# ALL THE PARABLES OF JESUS

## A SYSTEMATIC SERIES

UNVEILING GODS ETERNAL TRUTH IN THE PARABOLIC TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS”**

*ALL THE PARABLES OF JESUS UNVEILED*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

*Last Days, Unprepared, Watchfulness, Obedience.*

**Matthew 21:28-32**

This is a Parable not only about Knowing God,  
It's a Parable about Knowing God and Doing God's Will

*Knowing God's Will Isn't The Same as Doing God's Will*

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To better understand this Parable, We need to ask, “to whom is Jesus speaking” And so to answer that - we must look at the context of where this Parable is situated.

**It's important for us to understand this;**

That just prior to Jesus' teaching of this Parable of the Two Sons, He entered into Jerusalem on that Passion Week that would ultimately culminate in His crucifixion, death and resurrection.

Look at **Verses 1-11** we see

*The Presentation of The King*

Look at **Verses 12-17** we see

*The Purification of The King*

Again at **Verses 18-22** we see

*The Authority of The King*

The fig tree is often symbolic of Israel *Hosea 9:10; Joel 1:7*

Israel had the history, the location, the look,  
even the leaves – but no fruit.

In **Verses 23-27** we see

*The Challenging of The King*

Then in **Verses 21:28-22:14** we see

*The Parables of The King*

## THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

**Matt. 21:28-32**

“But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go, work today in **my vineyard.**’ **29** He answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he regretted it and went. **30** Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. **31** Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said to Him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. **32** For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him.”

Each of the two son’s actions reveal what’s going on inside their hearts.  
It’s not what you say ultimately – it’s doing that which is right.

We need to be careful about what we speak,  
because what we say is important BUT what we do is even MORE important.

**Matt. 5:37**

But let your “Yes” be “Yes,” and your “No,” “No.” For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

**Prv.10:19**

In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.

We say things like “I love Jesus” or “I will pray about it”  
or “praise the Lord” or “God bless you brother”.

*Charles Spurgeon Writes;*

*“These spiritual jargons are nothing more than that – nauseating platitudes used with such regularity with such commonality to make sick any man who’s actually listen.”*

In **Verse 28** Jesus immediately paints for us a picture of opposites  
or opposing words, actions and reactions

Jesus Exposes Their METHOD for why they do not believe.

Knowing God’s Will Isn’t Doing God’s Will

## THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

**1.) The Personal Responsibility Issue v.28a**

### THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY ISSUE

**1a.) Know which son you are v.28a**

**Matt. 21:28a**

“But **what do you think?** A man had two sons,

**1b.) Determine that you can change v.28a**

**Matt. 21:28a**

“But **what do you think?** A man had two sons,

**1c.) Do what makes sense v.28a**

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## THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

### 2.) The "Actions Speak Louder Than Words" Factor v.28b-30

#### THE "ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS" FACTOR

#### 2a.) God has given us all an opportunity v.28b

28b and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.'

vineyard = to Israel = Isaiah 5

This is an opportunity to both: "Obey" and "Be Blessed"

#### THE "ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS" FACTOR

#### 2b.) God has given us the ability v.29

29 He answered and said, "I will not," but afterward he regretted it and went.

Regretted

μεταμέλλομαι meta-mellomai, met-am-el'-lom-ahee;  
to care afterwards, to not care – then to care.

#### THE "ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS" FACTOR

#### 2c.) God has allowed us the power of choice v.30

30 Then He came to the second and said likewise.  
And he answered and said, "I go, sir," but he did not go.

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### 3.) The "End Will Tell Our Story" Point v.31-32

#### THE "END WILL TELL OUR STORY" POINT

#### 3a.) Did I desire God's will for my life? v.31a

31a Which of the two did the will of his father? They said to Him, "The first."

The Audience Agreed With Jesus' Parable.

Do you agree with their conclusion ?

can you honestly, sensibly, take issue with God's word?  
( do you have examples as to why God is unjust or mean )

THE "END WILL TELL OUR STORY" POINT

3b.) Did I **believe** in God in my life?

v.32b-32a

31b Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to **YOU** that tax **collectors** and **harlots** (*will*) enter the kingdom of God before **YOU**. 32 For John came to **YOU** in the way of righteousness, and **YOU** did **not believe** him

THE "END WILL TELL OUR STORY" POINT

3c.) Did I **repent & trust** for my life?

v.32b

32b **but tax collectors** and **harlots** believed him; and when **YOU** saw it, **YOU** did **not afterward** **relent and believe** him.

## Listen Friend

Jesus Changes People's Lives

For those who know you (*better - knew you before Jesus*)  
what do they do with you now?

Every changed life is a walking  
**INDICTMENT**  
against every unbeliever.

??? What Do You Think About **My Changed Life** ???  
( You Who Are Here Tonight - Judge Me – Please )

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<<

*End of Study*

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