

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#78 – “The Prophetic Autobiography” – Luke 20:9-18

I. Introduction

A. The prospect of death

1. The Jewish leaders conspired for a long time to kill Jesus.
 - a. Mk 3:6; Matt. 17:22-23; Lk 18:33; John 5:18

B. The Text – Luke 20:9-18

II. Exposition

A. Luke 20:9-12

1. Parable is mostly allegorical – each character represents someone.
2. The “man” is God.
3. The “vineyard” is Israel or the people of God.
 - a. Israel as vine – Ps. 80:8; 14; Jer. 2:21; Hosea 10:1
Eze. 15:1-6; 19:10-14; Isa. 5:1,7
4. Jesus’ hearers knew very well what He was talking about.
 - a. Kent Hughes
5. The “tenants” – The lease owners and care-takers represent the priests and religious class.
6. “Servants” are the prophets of God.
 - a. They were all killed.
 - b. John MacArthur
 - c. Jer. 7:25-26; Mark 6:14-29

B. Luke 20:13

1. The “Son” is Jesus.
2. He was beloved of the Father – Luke 3:22; 9:35
3. Respect – perhaps because of Matt. 7:28-29; John 10:37-38

C. Luke 20:14-15

1. No acknowledgement of the Son’s ownership.
 - a. The “Prophetic autobiography”
 - b. The last prophet – Hebrews 1:1-2
2. Note the frightening question.

D. Luke 20:16

1. Tenants destroyed and vineyard given to others.
2. God’s justice poured out on Israel’s people and leaders
 - a. David Gooding
3. “May it never be.” They all knew what Jesus was saying.

E. Luke 20:17-20

1. Use of Psalm 118
2. Context
 - a. James Boice / Philip Ryken

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