

A Confrontational Parable

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- Word picture^{Isa 5:1-7} Israel = vineyard of the Lord
- A relatable parable - clear
- servants = OT prophets; beloved son = Jesus
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A Prophetic Application of Psalm 118

- Jesus asks if they have have read Psa 118:22-23
- Stone rejected by builders-declared unfit for sanctuary
- Perfect to become the cornerstone of the building!
- Understand God's economy: 1 Cor 1:25-31
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So What?

- Applied to today, Paul warns Rom 11:19-22
- don't become proud, heart of Gospel=FAITH Gal 3:2-3
- Bow in reverent fear never forget how gracious God is
- God sends servants to remind us of dangers^{Gal5:16}
- God is looking for fruit of grace^{Gal5:22-24} in our lives
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