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Devotion for March 28th, 2022

"And He began to speak to them in parables. 'A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others."

- Mark 12:1-9

The above passage is called "The Parable of the Tenants." Jesus directed the meaning of this parable at the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. They are the tenants. They had just challenged Jesus' authority to cleanse the temple of the money changers and to teach in the temple.

In the parable, Jesus spoke of tenants taking care of a vineyard. They were keeping the fruits of the vineyard for themselves. They beat and killed some of the owner's servants when they came to collect what the owner was due. Finally, the owner sent his son and they even killed him to keep the vineyard for themselves. Then Jesus asked the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders what the owner in the parable should do with the tenants?

Here was the answer:

*"He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others."
(Mark 12:9b)*

The chief priests, scribes, and the elders were steeped in the law. They knew that the owner had the right to put the tenants to death.

My friends, our Father in heaven is the owner. Sadly there are those who don't understand that God is the owner and that those who reject His Son, the Son of God, and the Son's authority are still subject to destruction when the Son of God, Jesus, comes the second time on the Last Day.

But that day has not yet arrived. There is still time to share the Gospel and also the truth that all authority has been given to Jesus the son of God. Many may yet come to understand. Maybe some may yet be saved.

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