

# Rejection !?

Luke 20:9-18

<sup>9</sup> And He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey for a long time. <sup>10</sup> At the harvest time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, so that they would give him some of the produce of the vineyard; but the vine-growers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup> And he proceeded to send another slave; and they beat him also and treated him shamefully and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup> And he proceeded to send a third; and this one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup> The owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup> But when the vine-growers saw him, they reasoned with one another, saying, ‘This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>15</sup> So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What, then, will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup> He will come and destroy these vine-growers and will give the vineyard to others.” When they heard it, they said, “May it never be!” <sup>17</sup> But Jesus looked at them and said, “What then is this that is written: ‘The stone which the builders rejected, This became the chief corner stone’?”

<sup>18</sup> Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.”

Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone for all the people in the world, including me and you. We have the choice to except or reject Him. Here we see a picture of God’s patience, His many attempts to reach out to us, and His ultimate judgment. As we look at this passage together, let’s ask how we are positioning our lives so that Jesus is our cornerstone.

1. I need to recognize that God created me, provides for me, and loves me.  
Genesis 1:27-28, 22:14, Isaiah 45:12-18, Jeremiah 31:3, Ephesians 1:4-5
2. I need to admit that God has faithfully attempted to reach me.  
Hebrews 11:36-38, Jeremiah 7:25-26, Nehemiah 9:26
3. I need to evaluate how I have treated Jesus.  
1 Samuel 10:19, John 12:3, Luke 5:28, 9:22, 12:36
4. I need to thank God for His patience and realize that His judgment is coming.  
Leviticus 19:23-25, 2 Peter 3:9, Romans 2:4, Genesis 6:3, Hebrews 9:27, 2 Corinthians 6:2
5. I need to affirm that Jesus is the true cornerstone.  
Psalm 118:22-23