

Alas! and did my Saviour bleed?  
When I survey the wondrous cross.  
In the cross of Christ I glory.  
Hail, thou once despised Jesus.  
Deep are the wounds which sin has made.  
Dare to do right! dare to be true!  
When Jesus comes to reward his servants.  
My Father is rich in houses and lands.  
Stand up for Jesus, Christian, stand.  
Rescue the perishing, care for the dying.  
To the work! to the work!  
Far and near the fields are teeming.  
Gather them in, for yet there is room.

#### QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

- 1. The Stone Rejected.**  
For what purpose did Jesus speak this parable?  
Of what was it really a prophecy?  
Of what was it also a history?  
Did his hearers know for whom it was intended?  
Matt. 21, 45.

Was this parable applicable to them only?  
In what way can it be applied to us?  
What constitutes a rejection of the corner-stone?  
What Scriptures does Jesus here quote? See Psa. 118, 22, 23.

Mention some historic cases which substantiate that part of the parable in verse 3-5.

- 2. The Head of the Corner.**  
In what sense was Jesus Christ the head of the corner?

Was it true that the spiritual building to be reared with him as Corner-stone had not yet been begun?

Why should the hearers think the parable was against them?

Was the part in verse 7, 8, fulfilled?  
Did they understand that?

What had the Sanhedrin agreed upon that would make it true?

Given a reason for supposing that they knew that he was aware of all their purposes.

What does Matthew add to this story that shows why they should have been angry? Matt. 21, 44.

#### Practical Teachings.

Notice first: the wickedness of the husbandmen was voluntary. They were not compelled to be wicked. They chose to be. It is so to-day. Men cannot justly charge their sinfulness on God. He gives them every opportunity not only to care for themselves, but also to serve him. But they will not.

Notice second: the forbearance of this man was wonderful, and his trust in his servants was even more wonderful. But God's is infinitely beyond it. But remember his word says, "He will not always chide, neither will he keep his anger forever."

Notice third: there is only one corner-stone—that is, Christ. Men cannot lay a corner-stone of their own morality will not do. It is by Christ and through him alone that men can rise into a spiritual temple.

#### Hints for Home Study.

1. Explain fully this parable; write it in full.  
The certain man means.....  
The vineyard means.....  
and so apply point by point.
2. Write the names of the prophets who were beaten, driven away, killed, stoned, etc.
3. Read Matt. 23, 27-29, to see what Jesus charged upon these Pharisees.
4. Why they feared the people is not told. Think of the reasons. What trouble would a popular tumult at this time have caused, etc.
5. Find in Paul's writings what he has to say about a corner-stone or foundation and building thereon.

#### QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

- 1. The Stone Rejected, vs. 1-8.**  
What form of teaching did Jesus now resume?  
What is a parable?  
What six things did a certain man do?  
On what errand did he send a servant?  
At what time in the year was this? See Matt. 21, 34.  
How was the servant treated?  
What was done to a second servant?  
How did the men treat others?

- Whom did the owner of the vineyard then send?  
What did the husbandmen say when they saw the son?  
What did they do to him?  
What says the Golden Text about the treatment of God's Son?  
**2. The Head of the Corner, vs. 9-12.**  
What did Jesus say the lord of the vineyard would do?  
To what Scripture did he direct attention?  
What classes were offended at this teaching? Matt. 21, 45.  
What did they seek to do?  
Why did they not carry out their purpose?  
What did they perceive about the parable?  
What evil did they plot against Jesus? Luke 30, 30.

#### Teachings of the Lesson.

- What are we taught in this lesson—  
1. Concerning the privileges we receive from God?  
2. Concerning the duties we owe to God?  
3. Concerning the penalty of disobedience?

#### Home Work for Young Bereans.

Find in Isaiah a parable concerning a vineyard.  
Learn what servants of God were sent to the Jews, and were ill-treated or killed by them.  
Learn when the prophecy in verse 9 was fulfilled.

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

- What parable did Jesus tell the people? **The parable of the vineyard.**  
What do the parables of Jesus teach? **Great spiritual lessons.**  
To whom went into a far country? **The owner of the vineyard.**  
To whom was the vineyard let out? **To husbandmen.**  
Whom did he send to get his share of the fruit? **His servants.**  
How did the husbandmen treat the servants? **They beat some and killed others.**  
Whom did the owner then send? **His son.**  
What did the husbandmen do to the son? **They killed him.**  
What did the lord of the vineyard do? **He destroyed those wicked husbandmen.**  
What did he do with the vineyard? **He gave it to other men.**  
Why were the Jews angry? **They saw that Jesus meant them.**  
Whom did Jesus mean by the owner of the vineyard? **God.**  
Who were the husbandmen? **The Jews.**  
Who were the servants they had treated so badly? **The prophets and John the Baptist.**  
How did they mean to treat Jesus, the Son? **They meant to kill him.**  
Who only belong to the kingdom of God? **Those who believe in Jesus.**

#### Words with Little People.

My heart is God's little vineyard.  
And the fruit I shall bear each day  
Is the deeds he will see me doing,  
And the words he will hear me say.  
When the Lord of the vineyard comes to me,  
What shall he see? What shall he say?

#### THE LESSON CATECHISM.

- [For the entire school.]  
1. To whom does Christ here liken God? **To the owner of a vineyard.**  
2. To whom does he let out the vineyard? **To the chosen people.**  
3. Who were the servants sent to his people? **The prophets of Israel and Judah.**  
4. Who was the son whom they slew? **Jesus Christ the Saviour.**  
5. How does our Golden Text tell the truth of this parable? **"He came unto," etc.**

#### CATECHISM QUESTION.

17. Is this the reason why we believe the Old Testament?  
There are many other reasons, but this is the chief reason. Our Lord honoured the Old Testament, and we must honour it, and receive it as the word of God.



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