

Stories with Intent
Am I Missing God's Limited Patience?
Matthew 21:33-46

I. The Parable of the Wicked Tenants vs. 33-39

II. The Question and the Answer that Condemns vs. 40-41

III. The Implications vs. 42-46

~ Will people respond to God's climatic messenger before the crisis comes?

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar..." (2 Peter 3:9-10a)

Points to Ponder: God's patience in bringing judgement should not cause us to think that things will go on forever as they are now. There is an end to his patience and that end should give us urgency to proclaim the good news of Jesus to a lost world. Think of a friend, family member, or acquaintance who has recently tasted grief. Pray for and speak with them, not only towards the end that they may be comforted, but also pray that death might sober them to the truth that life will not always go on as it has. Pray that God might plant within them a longing to be ready for their own death - a longing that leads to our Great Savior - Jesus.

Next Week:

Next Sunday morning we will continue our sermon series entitled *Stories with Intent* by considering **Luke 7:36-50** 'Am I Missing Gratitude for Forgiveness?'

