

To Whom Much Is Given, Much Is Required

Matthew 21: 33-46

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MANY WILL SAY TO ME ON THAT DAY,

“LORD, LORD,

DID WE NOT PROPHECY
IN YOUR NAME, AND IN
YOUR NAME CAST OUT
DEMONS, AND IN YOUR
NAME PERFORM
MANY MIRACLES?”

AND THEN I WILL
DECLARE TO THEM,

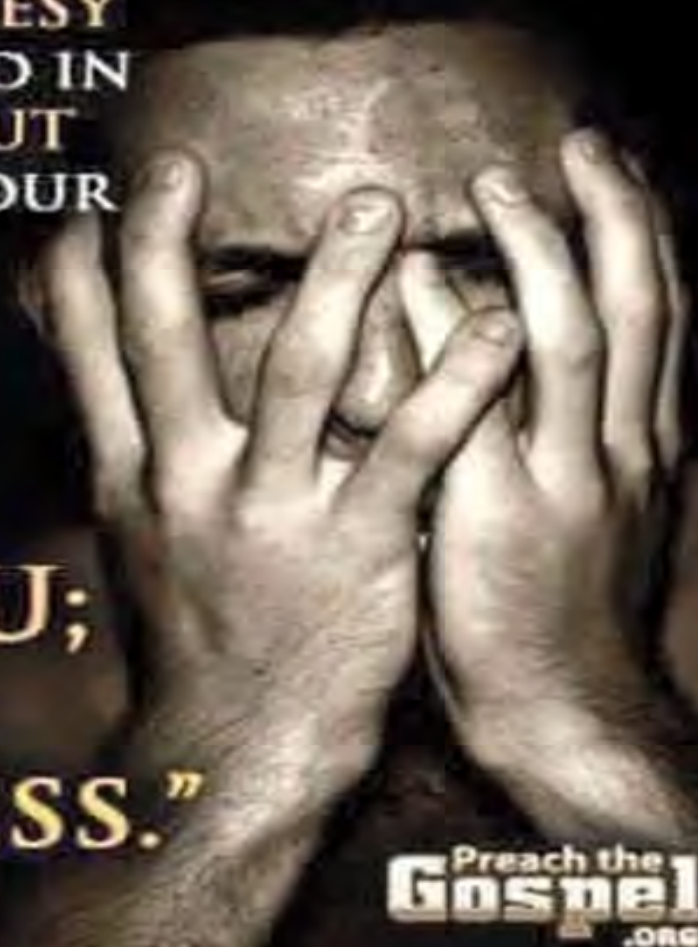
**“I NEVER
KNEW YOU;**

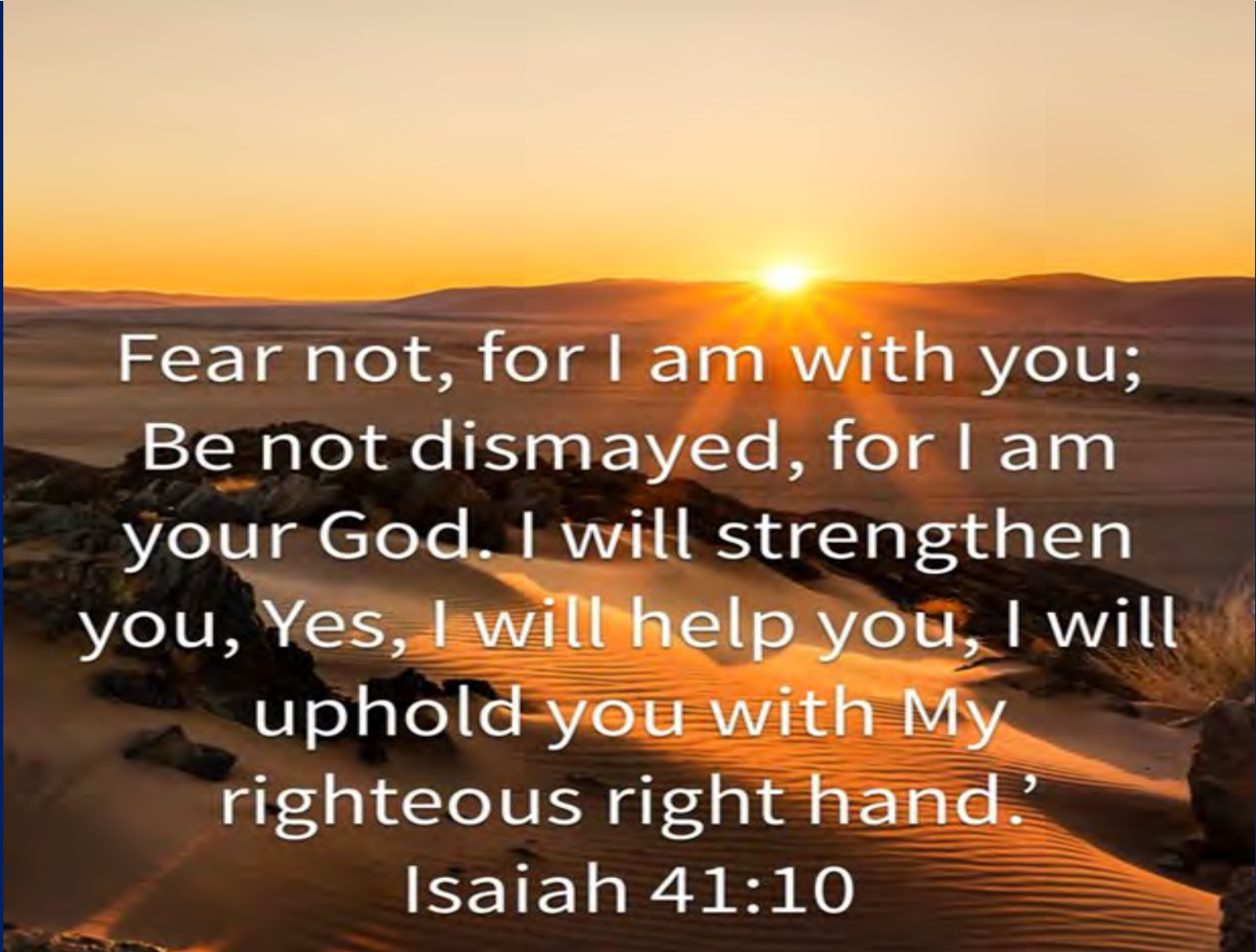
DEPART FROM ME,
YOU WHO PRACTICE

LAWLESSNESS.”

– MATTHEW 7:22-23

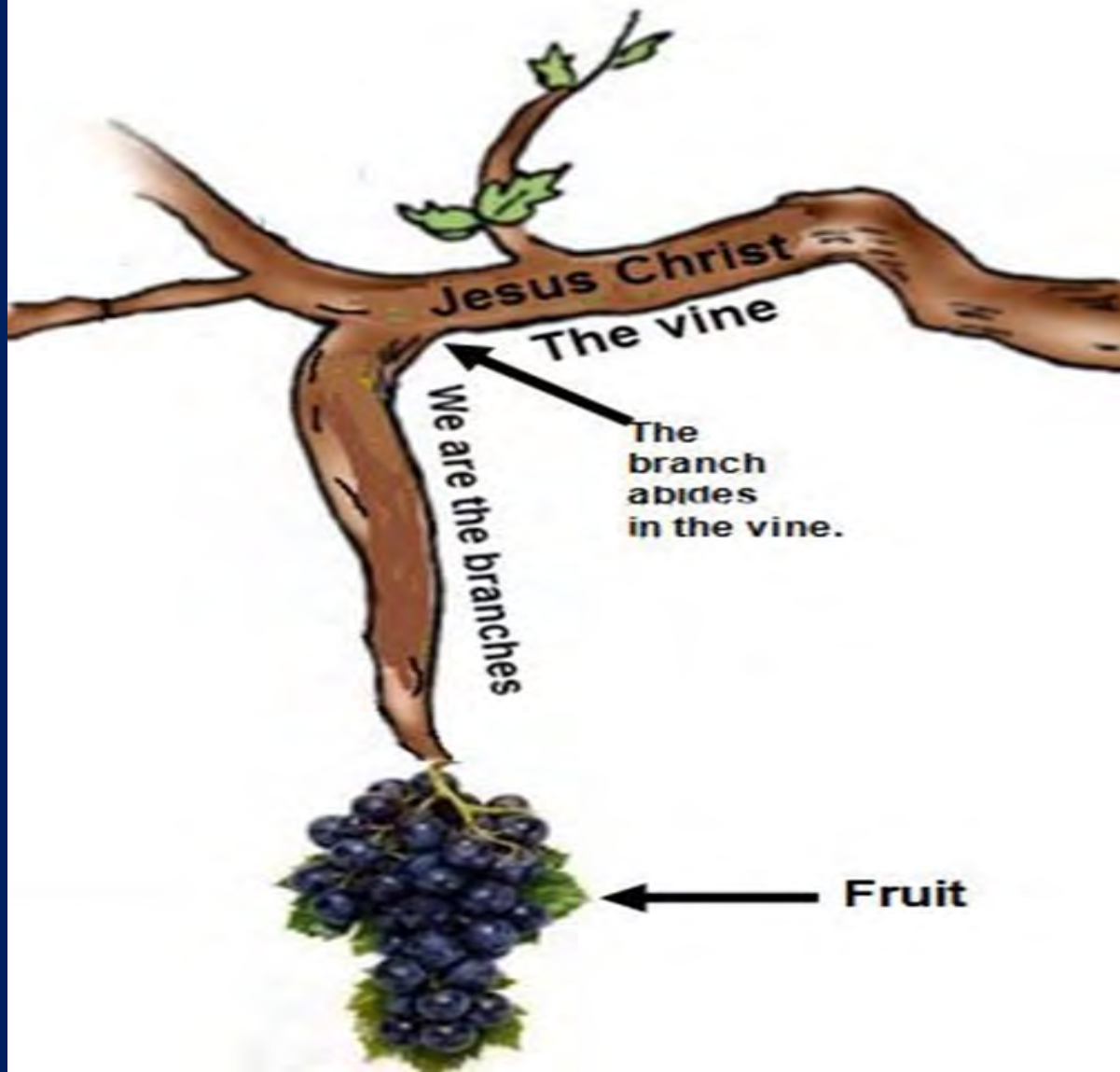
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Fear not, for I am with you;
Be not dismayed, for I am
your God. I will strengthen
you, Yes, I will help you, I will
uphold you with My
righteous right hand.'

Isaiah 41:10



Verse 33

The landowner provides for His vineyard

The landowner, *God*, planted a vineyard

Most commentators associate the vineyard
with the Messianic Kingdom

What does God do for His vineyard?

He provides for it

**God gives a person everything needed to be
successful**

BUT a person must respond to what God has
provided – ***it is not automatic!***

We all have a responsibility to the landowner, **GOD**, for our lives

“ to whom much is given, from him much is required – Luke 12: 48b”

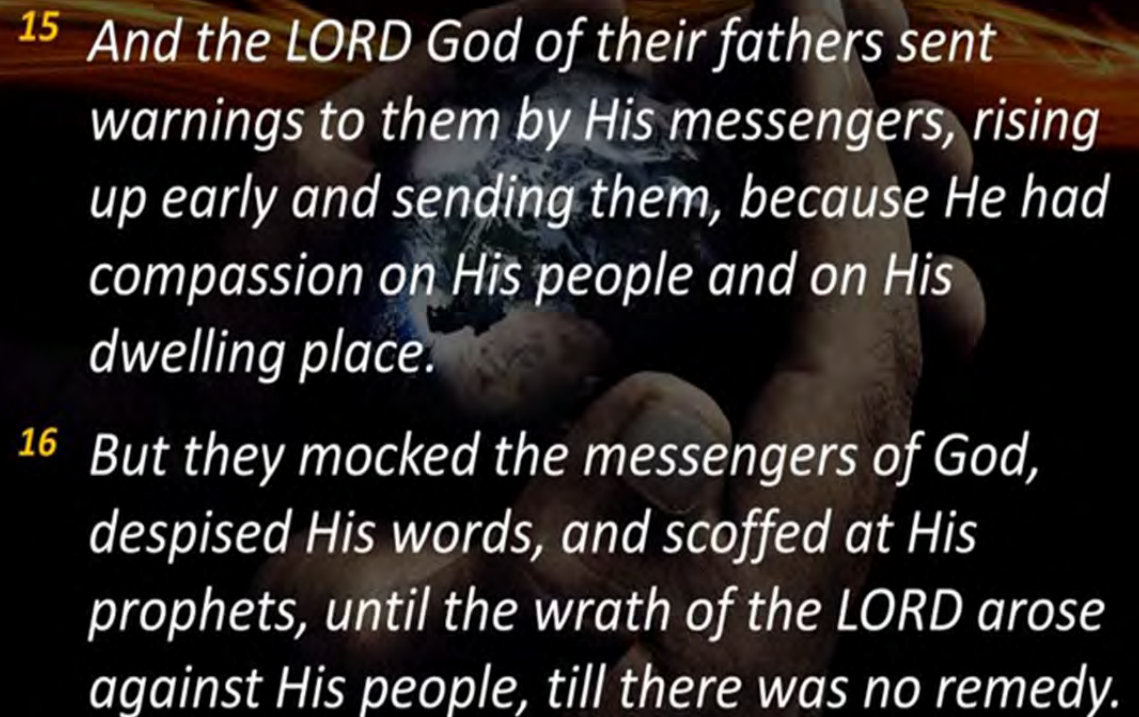
Verse 34 - 36

A day of accountability

The servants in this parable are the Prophets.

Whenever there was a problem, God sent a prophet.

2 Chronicles 36:15-16

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- 15** *And the LORD God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place.*
- 16** *But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, till there was no remedy.*

The lesson is clear – *fruit is expected!*

God has provided, and God expects good fruit production

Everyone labors, everyone produces, *everyone is accountable to God!*

That's the rub, the problem, *people do not want accountability to God – Luke 19: 14*

"The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities."

- Psalm 103:8-10; NIV

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Verse 37 - 39

Certainly, they will listen to My Son

Jesus gave ample evidence that He was the promised Messiah *yet was rejected!*

What did these rejectors really want?

To seize the Kingdom, to do it our way, by our traditions

Verse 40 - 41

The fate of the rejectors is sealed

All who reject the Son will be judged

Everyone will give an account of themselves to God – *everyone!*

Romans 14: 12

Hebrews 4: 13

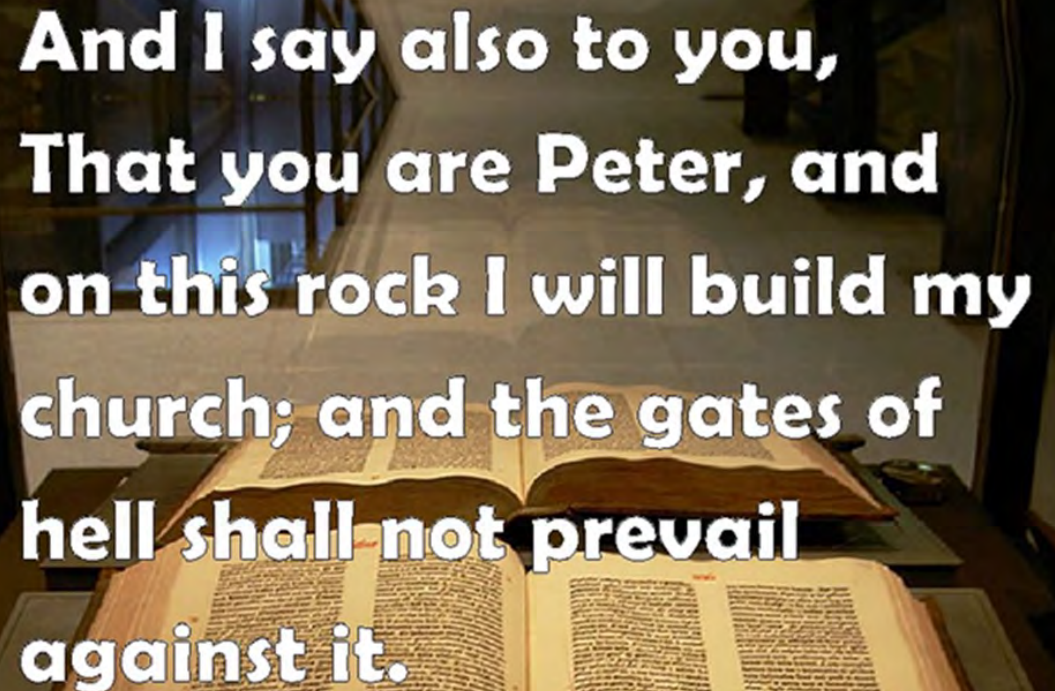
Account = inward thoughts and feelings exposed!! *Scary!!*

Verse 42 - 44

Jesus is the Crushing Stone

Stone or rock is frequently used of God in the Bible - Psalm 118: 22

The Church is built on the Rock -
JESUS CHRIST!



And I say also to you,
That you are Peter, and
on this rock I will build my
church; and the gates of
hell shall not prevail
against it.

—Matthew 16:18

The Jewish nation was to usher in the Kingdom; *they refused by rejecting Messiah!*

Think about it:

Jesus is your ***Cornerstone***, or your ***Crushing stone***

Build your life on the ***Rock*** or be crushed by the ***Rock!***

The **STONE STRUCK THE IMAGE** **AND BECAME A GREAT MOUNTAIN!**

34 ... A **STONE WAS CUT OUT WITHOUT HANDS, WHICH STRUCK THE IMAGE** upon its feet which were of iron and clay, **AND BROKE THEM TO PIECES.**

35 Then the **IRON, the CLAY, the BRONZE, the SILVER, and the GOLD** were broken to pieces together. They became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors. The wind carried them away, so that no place was found for them.



THE STONE THAT STRUCK THE IMAGE BECAME A GREAT MOUNTAIN and FILLED THE WHOLE EARTH.

DAN 2:34-35 MKJV

— *Lope Columna*



Verse 45 - 46

The Chief Priests and Pharisees get it

These leaders get it, this is in your face,
Pharisees –

*“ they perceived He was
speaking of them”*

They are determined to kill Jesus and they
will at the appointed time – *SET BY GOD!*

CLOSING:

The chief priests, the pharisees, our world, the mainstream church, do not want Jesus

Humanity has been fooled; the antichrist spirit is in full swing

The Restrainer, ***the Holy Spirit filled Church,*** is the only one holding back the avalanche of evil

How about today? Do people you know want to hear about the real Jesus?

OR are they more content with a Jesus of their making, a make-believe Jesus?

Masses of people are set up for the greatest deception of all time – *the Jesus they want is coming!*

This Jesus will be charming, brilliant, and a peace maker; **he will appeal to humanity's whims**

He will be a globalist, and a one world government proponent

(All for one, and one for all)

He will then turn into your worst nightmare

He is known as the antichrist, promoting himself as the Christ, and the world will love him!

Paul described this as the *“strong delusion”*
2 Thessalonians 2: 10-11

STRONG DELUSION!

They perish
Because they did not
accept the love of the truth
in order to be saved.
For this reason God sends
them a strong delusion so that
they believe what is false.

2 Thessalonians 2:10-11

DECEPTION

- Those who deceive others can also be deceived.
- All the warnings Jesus made against deception was to disciples.
(Matthew 24:4)
- Only proud people think that they cannot be deceived.
- A spirit of delusion is already resting on many in the body of Christ, and in the days to come, a STRONG delusion will rest on many who do not love the truth. (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)

It is in this world you are living NOW!

THINK:

You follow the real Jesus; *you have the indwelling Holy Spirit!*

You have the power in you to stand for truth, and not waiver! *You have the Word of God!*

It is true – *“to whom much is given, from him, much will be required”* – Luke 12: 48

“It is required of a steward that one be found faithful” – 1 Corinthians 4: 2

As America devolves into darkness, may we, the *True Church*, be faithful stewards of the truth!

*'For everyone to whom much is given,
from him much will be required'*

Luke 12:48b New King James Version



WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN MUCH!

MAY WE BE FOUND FAITHFUL!!