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SUMMER PARABLES

"TRUE TENANTS"

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MATTHEW 21:33-46

³³ "Hear another parable. There was a master [God] of a house who planted a vineyard [Israel] and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants [spiritual leaders of Israel], and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit [faithful belief] drew near, he sent his servants [prophets] to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

1. God's patient love (vv. 33-36)

2. Sin merits death (vv. 37-41).

3. Trust the Cornerstone (vv. 42-46).
