

## Matthew 21:23-22:14 • Three Parables for Israel

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1. (23:23-27) God does not reveal new **truth** until we obey what has already been **revealed**.
2. (23:28-32) God measures righteousness not by what one **says** but by what one **does**.
3. (23:33-46) God the **Father** can never be reached without coming to Him through God the **Son**.
4. (22:1-14) Rejection of God's **Word** is rejection of Christ Himself and comes with permanent, eternal **consequences**.

### ***The overall spiritual history of Israel:***

- The Parable of the Two Sons: She disobeyed the **Father**.
- The Parable of the Vineyard: She crucified the **Son**.
- The Parable of the Marriage Feast: She resisted the **Spirit**.
- She was chosen by God to be **fruitful** but failed to **bear fruit**.
- This is actually a picture of the meaning of "**apostasy**", what it means for someone to "**fall away**".