**Text**: Mark 12:1-12

**Topic**: Mercy, Grace, & Judgment

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**A Warning to the Wicked**

“Learning from God’s mercy, grace, and judgment.”

**Text**: **Mark 12:1-12**, “And he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country. **2**When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. **3**And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. **4**Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. **5**And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. **6**He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ **7**But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ **8**And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. **9**What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. **10**Have you not read this Scripture: “ ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; **11**this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?” **12**And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.” **English Standard Version**

*When warning the wicked*…

**Point #1:** **Be** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.1-5**

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**Point #2:** **Emphasize**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.6-8**

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**Point #3:** **Tell**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.9-12**

**Corollary Verses**: 2 Peter 3:9; 2 Timothy 2:24-26; 1 Timothy 1:15-16; Romans 2:4; 1 Corinthians 1:18, 1:21-23; Romans 5:6-7; Matthew 3:7-8; Ezekiel 3:17; Isaiah 13:11.

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1.) Read **Hosea 2:19**; **Jeremiah 3:12**; **Psalm 86:5** and **Titus 3:4-5** and then answer the following questions. How is the parable of the patient Landowner similar to the story in Hosea where the prophet willingly takes back his wife despite her repeated marital unfaithfulness? How do these verses describe God’s attitude towards sinful people?

2.) Read **2 Timothy 2:24-26**; **Colossians 4:5-6**; and **2 Peter 3:1-9** then answer the following questions. There is no doubt that God is incredibly and outrageously patient with His creatures, both believers and non-believers. Why is it important to demonstrate the same patience that God displays towards us in our own lives? In 2 Peter 3:1-9, how is God’s patience demonstrated towards the church?

3.) Read **1 Corinthians 1:18**, **21-23**; **Romans 5:6-7**; and **Ephesians 2:1-10** then answer the following questions. Why is God’s grace considered foolish and a stumbling block amongst nonbelievers? Why is God’s grace so hard to believe? In the Ephesians passage, what does Paul compare and contrast to demonstrate the “immeasurable riches of God’s grace?”

4.) Read **Matthew 3:7-8**; **Ezekiel 3:17**; **Isaiah 13:11**; and **Revelation 21:6-8** then answer the following questions. How is God’s judgment a warning to all people? How is God’s judgment also an act of grace? Why is it absolutely necessary to share the wrath of God with other people? Whose responsibility is it to warn others about God’s coming wrath?