

# The King's Condemnation

MATTHEW 21:28-46

Inordinate desires commonly produce irregular endeavors. If our wishes be not kept in submission to God's providence, our pursuits will scarcely be kept under the restraints of his precepts.

-Matthew Henry

## I. A Story of Response

## II. A Story of Rejection

### **Into the Bible**

1. Jesus uses the parable of the tenants to describe Israel's history of treatment of the prophets God had sent to them. Why do you think that "a prophet is without honor in his own country and family"? (Mark 6:4)

### **Application**

2. In the parable of the two sons, why is the first son the "good son" even after defying his father's command? For the Pharisees and chief priests, the offense in his challenge to them was the statement about who was going to enter the kingdom ahead of them. What does Christ's teaching here say about the nature of grace and the need for repentance? (Matthew 4:17, Luke 5:32, Luke 15:7)

3. What had the Jews come to replace true worship with? Is obedience to God's commands *necessary* to show our love to Him? Is obedience *sufficient* to show our love to Him?  
(Hosea 6:6, Amos 5:22-23)

### **For your Families**

4. Talk with your kids about what repentance means.