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Brokenness

1st Sunday of Misra



Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers (Luke 20:9-19)

- The Question: **“Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others.”** (Lk. 20:15-16)
- Pharisees answered = “Certainly not!”



Isaiah 5:1-4

Now let me sing to my Well-beloved
A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard:
My Well-beloved has a vineyard
On a very fruitful hill.

2 He dug it up and cleared out its stones,
And planted it with the choicest vine.
He built a tower in its midst,
And also made a winepress in it;
So He expected it to bring forth good grapes,
But it brought forth wild grapes.

3 “And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of
Judah,
Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard.

4 What more could have been done to My vineyard
That I have not done in it?

Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good
grapes,
Did it bring forth wild grapes?



Psalm 80:8-9,15-19

**8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
You have cast out the nations, and planted it.**

**9 You prepared room for it,
And caused it to take deep root,
And it filled the land...**

**15 And the vineyard which Your right hand has planted,
And the branch that You made strong for Yourself.**

**16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down;
They perish at the rebuke of Your countenance.**

**17 Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand,
Upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself.**

**18 Then we will not turn back from You;
Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.**

**19 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
Cause Your face to shine,
And we shall be saved!**



Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers (Luke 20:9-19)

**“What then is this that is written:
*‘The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone’?*
18 Whoever falls on that stone will be
broken; but on whomever it falls, it will
grind him to powder.” (Lk. 20:17-18)**

What does the Lord want to break in us?

1. Pride

- ▶ **“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning...For you have said in your heart: I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.” (Is. 14:12-14)**





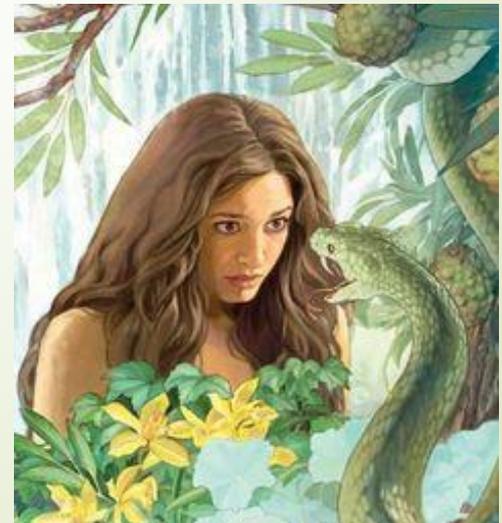
Broken Pride

- ▶ Then Job answered the Lord and said: 2 “I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. 3 You asked, Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 4 Listen, please, and let me speak; You said, I will question you, and you shall answer Me.’ 5 “I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You. 6 Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes.” (Job 42:1-6)

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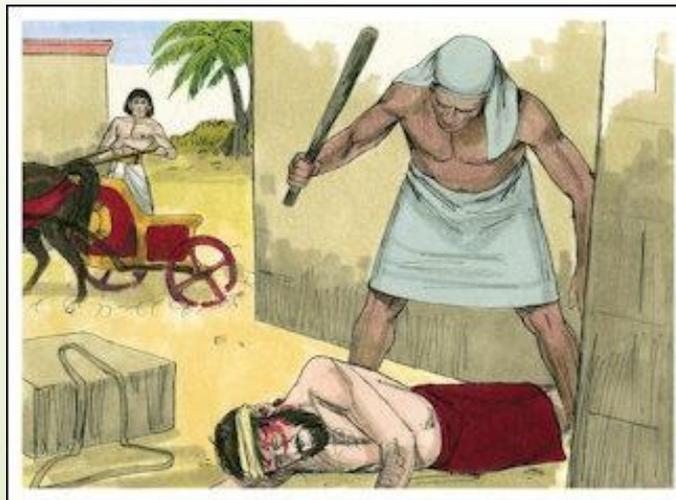
2. Self-Reliance

- ▶ **“For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” (Gen. 3:5)**



Broken Self-Reliance

- Abraham
- Moses





As we are being broken...

1. Our God is good

- ▶ **“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”** (Rom. 8:28)
- ▶ *“God is good because He is able to convert every evil act into something good.”* (St. Clement of Alexandria)

2. It is training

- ▶ **“Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”** (Heb. 12:11)



As we are being broken...

3. Rely on Him

- **“I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy, For You have considered my trouble; You have known my soul in adversities, And have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy...”** (Ps. 31:7,8)
- *“There is no one stronger than him who enjoys the heavenly help, and no one weaker than him who is deprived of it.”* (St. John Chrysostom)

4. Accept to be like Him

- **“Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”** (1 Cor. 11:24)



Summary

- ▶ The Lord wants to break:
 1. Our pride
 2. Our self-reliance
- ▶ As we are being broken, we need to remind ourselves:
 1. That God is good
 2. It is training in righteousness
 3. Rely on Him
 4. Accept to be like Him