

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

REPENTANCE

Lesson 7.

OBJECTIVE: To show that God is not pleased with just intentions only, but with intentions plus service for Him!

PARABLE: *The Parable of the Two Sons:* Matthew 21:28-32

I. THE SETTING:

- A. To whom did Jesus speak this parable?

- B. For what purpose had they come to Jesus?

- C. Jesus asked them to *make a judgment* on two sons. When they had done so, **HOW** did Jesus use their judgment? [**vs. 31**]

II. THE CENTRAL TEACHING:

- A. To what two classes of people does Jesus make primary application of this parable? Who do the two sons of the parable represent?

- B. **Verse 29** says one son "**repented and went**". From this passage, how would you define "**repentance**"?

- C. Did His listeners get His point?

III. UNDERSTANDING THE PARABLE:

- A. In making secondary application to us today, who is the "father" of the parable?

- B. What sin of the Pharisees caused them to reject John the Baptist?

_____ Does the same sin cause us to reject God today?

C. The parable may be divided for study into **the call**, **the work** and **the workers!**

Concerning the Call:

a) How many of his children did the father call?

b) Did he have a right to ask them to work?

c) How does God call men today?_____

Regarding the Work:

a) Where was the work for the father to be done?

b) When was the work to start?

About the Workers:

a) **In your opinion**, why did the first son *promise to work*, but then ***didn't?***

b) Are you to be a worker in the vineyard of God today?
