

PORTRAIT OF THE KING

“A Parable About Abiding in Christ” (Matthew 21:28-32)

INTRODUCTION

- An example of God’s sovereignty and man’s responsibility: David and Goliath in I Samuel 17.

- 3 Parables for the Religious Leaders
 - 1) The Parable of the _____ (Matthew 21:28-32)
 - 2) The Parable of the _____ (Matthew 21:33-44)
 - 3) The Parable of the _____ (Matthew 22:1-14)

- *KEY POINT:* _____ in Christ is proof that you are a _____.

EXPOSITION

Vs. 28

| <i>The Character in the Parable</i> | <i>What It Stood For</i> |
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| | 2 kinds of people on the earth |

Vs. 29

- Why Didn't the First Son Not Want to Work?

V. 30

Vs. 31

- Tax Collectors

Vs. 32

CONCLUSION

- Cf. James 2:14-17; Ephesians 2:10
- 4 Questions for Self-Examination
 - 1) Is my _____ different from the world? (Matthew 5:13-16)
 - 2) Am I growing in _____? (John 8:31)
 - 3) How do I view _____? (Matthew 6:19-24)
 - 4) What kinds of _____ do I have? (John 13:35S)

TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER

- 1) What evidence do you give for the profession of your own faith?
- 2) When sharing our testimony of salvation, what should be emphasized in order to genuinely reflect what saves us? What could we consider leaving out of our testimony?
- 3) Book Recommendation – *Abiding in Christ* by James Rosscup