

THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

Matthew 21:28-32

Introduction

The Lord Jesus related all the parables in the New Testament and all of them depicted the attitudes of the people in this age of Christendom. Such is the parable of the two sons.

Message

I. The first son made a promise to his father (v.29). But he immediately broke his promise as quickly as he promised it.

- A. This pictures to us the religious hypocrites in Christ's time (Pharisees) and also the in our day. "Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof" They have their own righteousness.
- B. This also pictures to us many Christians who have promised to:
 - 1. be faithful but became backslidden
 - 2. be spiritual but became carnal
 - 3. give sacrificially but became selfish
 - 4. serve the Lord but began to serve the devil
 - 5. live for God but ended up living in sinLet us not follow these examples.

II. The first son rebelled against his father but later realized his mistake and obeyed (vs. 28-29)

- A. This is the picture of the publican and the harlots during Christ's day, who lived wicked and open rebellious lives but later learned of God's love and salvation, and repented and gloriously got saved (vs.31-32).
- B. This also pictures some Christians who were once hardheaded and disobedient but then the Lord convicted them and now they are zealously and gladly determined to serve the Lord and be faithful.

These Christians are the most active and enthusiastic people. Unlike the first kind of Christians who are always passive and treat His church and God as just passing fancy.

Conclusion

What kind of Christian are you? How about those who have not been saved yet?