

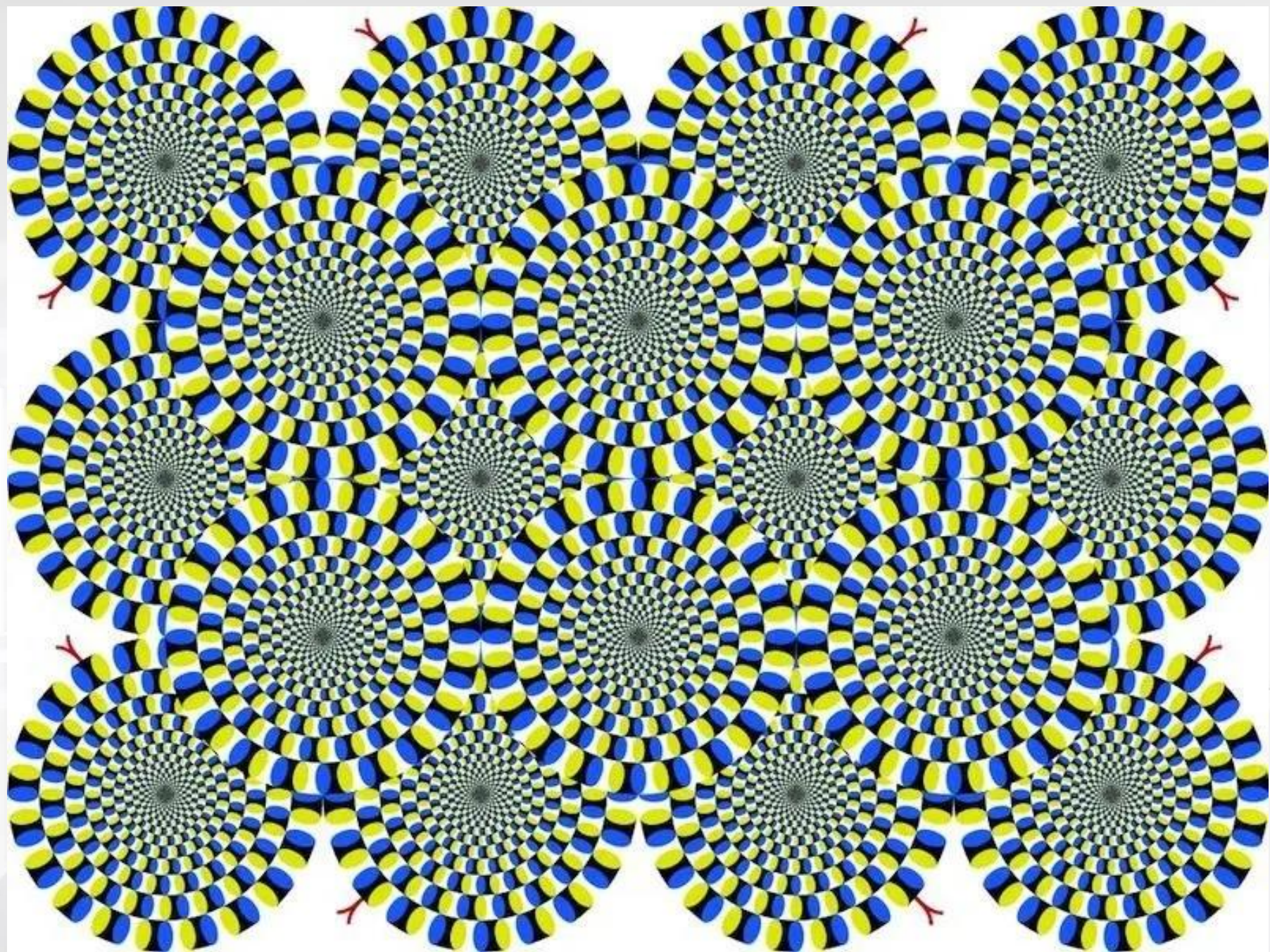


Perspective, Preaching and Payment

Luke 20:1-26

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Introduction

- **Theme:** Our perspective should account for God to be at work, and we should acknowledge that we need to be at work for Him.

A. Context

1. Jesus is in his final hours
2. He has been hailed by the people (Luke 19:38)
3. He has been rebuked by the Pharisees (Luke 19:39)
4. The Jewish leaders are trying to “destroy him” (Luke 19:47)

I. Perspective determines if we Preach or Pass (v. 1-8)

A. Christ's Activity in the Temple

1. Jesus can count his remaining time in hours
2. He spends it Preaching His Own Gospel!

B. Jewish Leaders' Activity in the Temple

1. They "confront" Jesus – this is an attack
2. They question his earthly credentials
3. Why? They have a SELF-FOCUSED perspective

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C. Christ's answer – a Counter-Question

1. “What do you think about the SOURCE of authority?”
2. Jewish Leaders' response – or refusal to respond!
3. Their non-answer meant they weren't looking for an answer to their own question

Application:

1. Are we allowing for God's Plans and Actions when we act?
2. We are commanded to Preach the Gospel, but not to Fight about it

II. A Parable of Perspective and Payment (v. 9-18)

A. The Characters

1. Vineyard Owner = God the Father
2. Vine-growers / Tenant Farmers = Jewish Leaders (Vines = God's People)
3. Slaves / Messengers = Prophets and Judges
4. Son = God the Son

B. Their Character

1. Vine-growers – focused on their own situation, and how to better it
2. Vineyard Owner – focused on the welfare of the Vine-growers and the vineyard!
3. The Son – like his Father, focused on the good of the people

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C. The Point

1. Jesus asks what the natural outcome of a situation like this is:
 - a) The Vine-growers will be judged and destroyed
 - b) The vineyard will be given to others
2. The Vine-growers' self-interest and violence repulse the people. "May it never be!"
 - a) But Jesus explains this is exactly what's happening in Israel!
3. The Vineyard Owner expected payment. It was his right, and He would find people who would work to produce His fruit

Application

1. Perspective: when we reject God's part in the story, we invite Judgement
2. Payment: God Deserves and Expects our Fruit as believers! We are to be at Work!

III. A Perspective on Ownership (v. 19-26)

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2. He explains the Father's right to that which bears His image: YOU!

Application: Your life bears God's Image and Inscription, and He wants to use it for His Glory!