

# Readings from the Word of God

## Sunday, 26 January, 2025

### **Psalm 127:1-2**

Unless Jehovah builds the house,  
The work of those who build it is pointless  
Unless Jehovah guards the city,  
It is pointless for the watchman to keep watch.  
It is pointless for you to rise up early,  
To sit up late,  
To eat the bread of pain;  
For so He gives His beloved sleep.

### **Matthew 21:33-44**

“Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?”

They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

‘The stone which the builders rejected  
Has become the chief cornerstone.  
This was the LORD’S doing,  
And it is marvelous in our eyes’? ”

“Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.”

### **Secrets of Heaven §124**

The fact that wisdom, intelligence, reason, and knowledge are not man's but the Lord's is quite clear from what the Lord Himself taught, for example in Matthew, when the Lord compares Himself to a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and let it out to tenants, Matt. 21:33. In John,

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak. He will glorify Me, for He will receive from what is Mine and declare it to you. John 16:13, 14.

Also in the same gospel,

Man cannot receive anything unless it is given him from heaven. John 3:27.  
Anyone who has been granted knowledge of merely a few of heaven's arcana knows that this is true.

### ***Divine Providence §43***

...conjunction with the Lord causes a person to appear to himself free and so to be his own person, and the closer the conjunction with the Lord, the freer, and so the more his own person.

He appears to himself more and more distinctly to be as though his own person because Divine love is such that it wills what it has to be another's, thus to be a person's or angel's. That is the nature of all spiritual love, especially of Divine love.