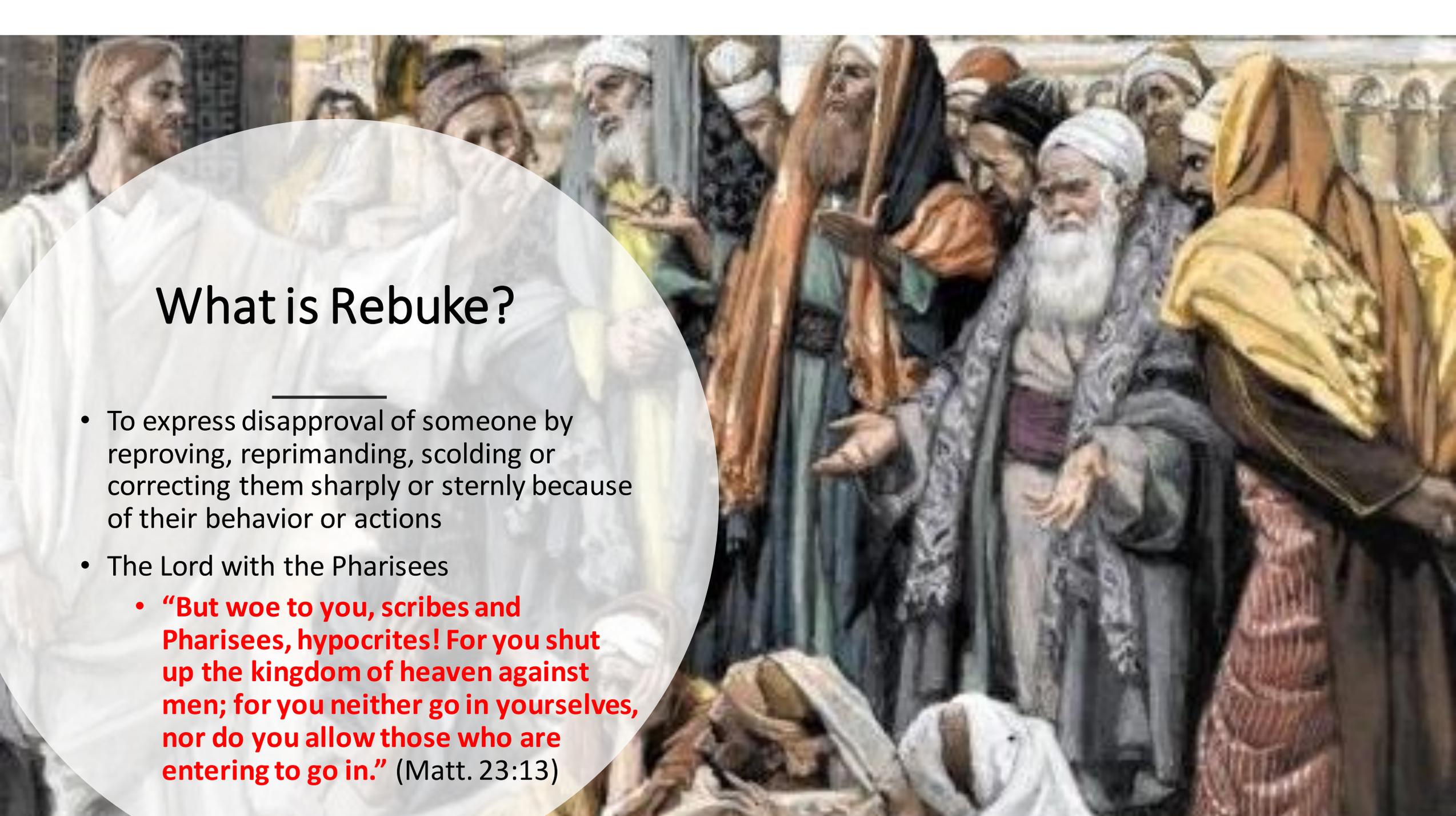

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Introduction

- Parable of the Wicked Vinedresser - A Prophetic Parable
 - “He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to other.” And when they heard it they said, “Certainly not!” (Lk. 20:16)
- “The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.” (Ps. 118:22)
- “Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.” (Lk. 20:18)
- “And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him...” (Lk. 20:19)



What is Rebuke?

- To express disapproval of someone by reproof, reprimanding, scolding or correcting them sharply or sternly because of their behavior or actions
- The Lord with the Pharisees
 - **“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.”** (Matt. 23:13)

What is Rebuke?

- No one likes to be rebuked
 - “Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.” (Heb. 12:11)
- We need rebuke





From whom should we receive rebuke?

- GOD
 - Scripture
 - “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16)
 - His disciple
 - “My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; for whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.” (Heb. 12:5-6)



From whom should we receive rebuke?

- **Parents**
 - There is a parental obligation
 - “Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this is right” (Ephesians 6:1)
- **The Church** – represented by the clergy
 - [St. Paul to Timothy] “Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.” (2 Tim. 4:2)

Benefits of Rebuke

Rebukes spare us from disaster and unforeseen consequences

- “He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.” (Prov. 29:1)

Rebukes cleanse and purifies

- “Blows that hurt cleanse away evil, as do stripes the inner depths of the heart.” (Proverbs 20:30)

Benefits of Rebuke

Rebukes lead to wisdom and understanding

- “The ear that hears the rebukes of life will abide among the wise. He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, but he who heeds rebuke gets understanding” (Proverbs 15:31-32).

Rebukes keep us on the path of life and turns us from death

- “He who keeps instruction is in the way of life, but he who refuses correction goes astray” (Proverbs 10:17)
- “Harsh discipline is for him who forsakes the way, and he who hates correction will die” (Proverbs 15:10).