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The parable of the workers in the vineyard

Matthew 20: 1-16



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Matthew 20

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ²He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵So they went.

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“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’
⁷“ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

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“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ ⁸“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his supervisor, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ ⁹“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.

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¹¹When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹²‘These men who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’
¹³“But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you.

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¹⁵Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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Peter's question

Matthew 19

²⁴Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁵When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, “Who then can be saved?”



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²⁶Jesus looked at them and said, “With human beings this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” ²⁷Peter answered him, **“We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?”**

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v10- 'Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius'



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Fairness: exchanging or rewarding with something of equal value

Justice: balance, debt; consequences of an action



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Grace!

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.



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Isaiah 55: 8-9

⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. ⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”



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