

Series: Making Much of the Master – His Parables

WHAT SHALL WE HAVE THEREFORE MATTHEW 19:27-20:16

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Introduction:

The Lord was talking to the rich young ruler about salvation, while the disciples were looking on. They saw him go away, and Peter ask, *“Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?”*

So Jesus answered the disciples and Peter their spokesman in this parable.

This parable is a parable about service, not salvation.

Note:

1. THE STORY (MATT. 20:1-16)

Matthew 20:1-16

¹ For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. ² And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. ⁵ Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? ⁷ They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. ⁸ So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. ⁹ And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. ¹⁰ But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. ¹¹ And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, ¹² Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. ¹³ But he answered one of them, and

said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? ¹⁴ Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. ¹⁵ Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? ¹⁶ So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

Now let's consider:

2. THE APPLICATION

Again we must remember that this is a parable about service and not salvation for we do not earn our salvation, nor do we work for our salvation.

Note:

A. Labors Are Needed

- The Lord has work to be done.

Illustration: 6 billion people in the world & most need to hear the gospel.

- The Problem Is Not a Lack of Work, but a Lack of Laborers

- The Harvest Is Ready

John 4:35

³⁵ *Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white **already to harvest.***

- The World at this Moment is at its Greatest Need

Note a second principle:

B. Looking At Others Will Always Be Harmful

Matthew 20:8-12

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Note

- Those Hired First Were Paid Last

They watched what those in front of them were paid.

They began to murmur and complain.

- We need to realize that everyone does not have the same opportunity.

Remember:

- Opportunity brings responsibility
- Ability brings accountability
- It's not equal giving, but equal sacrifice

Note a third principle:

C. The Lord Is Trustworthy (vs. 12-16)

Matthew 20:12-16

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mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?¹⁶ So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

- We need to give the Lord our all
- What shall we have in doing so

Romans 8:32

³² *He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also **freely give us all things?***

Close we should never wonder what we will have in serving the Lord.

He is always fair and right.