

The Urgency of the Harvest

20 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard.

1. The priority of the Father is the work of the Kingdom. The redemption of mankind as stated the most precious commodity "the soul"

² And when he had agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

he word translated "penny" in the King James Version of this [parable](#) is the [denarius's](#), a silver coin which was the usual day's wage for a laborer.^[1] The hours here are measured starting at about 6:00 AM, so that the **eleventh hour** is between about 4:00 and 5:00 PM.^[2] The workers are poor men working as temporary farmhands **during the harvest season**,^[2] and the employer realizes that they would all need a full day's pay to feed their families.^{[1][2]} The payment at evening follows Old Testament guidelines:^[1]

1. He knows you need a wage to meet your families needs and he agrees with you
2. The promise is that your family will have provision when you invest in the "winning of souls"

³ And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace

1. looking for those unengaged in the work of redemption
2. due to the crucial time of harvest He repeatedly goes out to hire laborers

⁴ And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

1. Notice there is little if any talk of training. These persons know what they should do and where to go to work.

2. It was the time of Harvest the seed had produced the fruit and it was to be gathered.

⁵ Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

1. Once again we see at this time of Harvest there is a repeated call to them who know how to gather and where to go to be engaged in the ingathering process.

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?

1. Unfortunately it doesn't appear as if they are looking to work- He finds others qualified but not gainfully employed at this crucial time.
2. Why- Even God can't find a reason why they are not working- Thus there is no justifiable reason for their willful idleness.

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. 1...

1. The possible deductions we can reach from this can only be speculative at best.
2. The why tells me they were avoiding work and now challenged to work with the assurance of just wage.

⁸ So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the laborers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.

1. Jesus who told us to pray for the Lord of the Harvest to send forth laborers seemingly makes sure you get your pay at the end of the day.
2. You will get your expenses and family will be covered.

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,

1. It was logical for the laborers to believe they should had received more cause they worked longer.
2. Remember this is just the first day of work and they are working out issues that would had never surfaced had they not been hired and went to their work.
3. Murmuring about their circumstances in light of someone else's blessing. (its never a curse but a blessing someone else receives)

Peter and John

Peter and Partiality

Peter and Prejudice

Peter crucified upside down- esteems others greater than himself. --
It had to be worked out.

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.

1. You have made them equal
2. You saw them less than who they rejoice
3. When another is exalted we rejoice

¹³ But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?

1. Friend we agreed before you went to work.
2. Whatever is right for you, you will receive.
3. It cannot be judged by time, labor or what I do with someone else. I will call you to your reward daily.

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?

1. Or is your eye envious because I am generous?
2. You can develop an evil eye and be laboring in the Kingdom.
3. The key now is that laborer to come back to work the next day under those conditions.

¹⁶ So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

I will treat everyone under kingdom rules which causes all to be entreated and their status not diminished based on tenure nor time.