

LESSON 10-09-05

Laborers Reward

Matthew 20:1-16

In chapter 19, Jesus answers Peter's questions about their reward for their sacrifice. Each one would have a throne, judging the 12 tribes of Israel. But!!!

In chapter 20, Jesus levels the field. Many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first. Jesus knows the disciples tendency to want to be the greatest.

Early morning - First choice – they agreed on a day's wages.

1. **3rd hour** – (9:00 am) – Whatsoever is right.
2. **6th & 9th hour** – (12 & 3 pm) – Same
3. **11th hour** – (5 pm) – Why stand ye here all day idle?
 - a. Because no man hath hired us!
 - b. Go - whatsoever is right.
 - c. They worked 1 hour.

Pay time:

1. Pay last first.
2. All received day's wages.
3. First expected more – murmured when they didn't receive more.

Master's response to the first:

1. Paid as agreed.
2. He will do as he wills with his own.
3. Everyone was done right.
4. Would good on behalf of others cause envy on your part?

Things to note:

1. The first had an agreement, the others worked by faith.
2. Obviously, the later hired, the less expected.
3. The last worked even though they had only one hour.
4. No one would hire the last.

Lessons to learn:

1. Rewards are all by Grace - Great!
2. Rewards are all just – Faith is the key.
3. Do "**your part.**"
4. "**Do**" your part.
5. They all served and they all were rewarded greatly.