

THE KINGDOM HARVEST

Mt 20:1-16 ¶ 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.

THE SETTING

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.

The Land

The Lord

The Laborers

THE SERVANTS

THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

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

A COMMON CAUSE

A PROMISED WAGE

THE CONTINUAL APPOINTMENT

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.

THE SELFISH ARGUMENT

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THE SAVIOR

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HIS CONTINUOUS INVITATION

HIS CONSISTENT REMUNERATION

THE APPLICATION

The church is Agents!

Called OUT!

Centered IN!

Controlled BY!

THE LACK OF THE HARVEST

Matthew 9:36-38 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Is the Problem the LORD

Is the Problem the Land

Is the Problem the Laborers or the Lack of Them

THE LIFE OF THE HARVEST Acts 1:8

THE PEOPLE PRINCIPLE

THE POTENTIAL PRINCIPLE

THE POWER PRINCIPLE

A Present Harvest John 4:35 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.

A Future Harvest Matthew 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

THE LORD OF THE HARVEST Matthew 20:1-13

THE LABORERS OF THE HARVEST

THE LORD AND THE INVITATION

THE LABORERS AND THE APPLICATION

Available, Teachable, Reliable, Dependable,

THE LORD AND THE ACCLAMATION