

THE PARABLE of THE REWARD of DISCIPLESHIP

Matthew 19:27-30

V: 27 *We have forsaken all* What is the reward for a lifetime of discipleship?

V: 29 (A) It just doesn't get any better than: you will *inherit eternal life!*

It's a *hundredfold* better than anything you have ever seen with your eyes, heard about with your ears or imagined in your heart. I Corinthians 2:9

V: 30 What JESUS has accomplished in His life, death, burial and resurrection – The Gospel – would be for all who are *In Christ – so first or last is irrelevant.*

It is in this context of V:27-30 that Jesus teaches the following Parable

THE PARABLE of THE LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD

Matthew 20:1-16

V: 1 (A) *The kingdom of Heaven (the Church of Christ) is like*

(B)) *a man* is JESUS. Matthew 13:7

(C) We have a divine teacher. John 6:44-45, Hebrews 1:1-2 & Hebrew 8:8-12

(D) Who calls all who come to GOD'S vineyard. John 6:44, 1John 4:10.

Romans 5:6, 8

(E) In every age (hour), it is HE who calls and teaches in these *last days*

(the whole Christian age). John 6:23, Hebrews 1:1-4, II Timothy 3:16-17 & 4:1-2

(F) ***The morning*** - sunup – 6:00 A.M.

V: 2 ***A penny*** – a day's wages. Romans 6:23

V: 3 ***The third hour*** – 9:00 A.M. It's still early in life. Come to the vineyard.
Isaiah 55:7

V: 5 open. (A) ***The sixth hour*** – 12:00 – If it's noon of your life, the invitation is
Come to the vineyard. Ezekiel 18:31

(B) ***The ninth hour*** – 3:00 P.M. – If $\frac{3}{4}$ of your life is gone, come to the
vineyard. Isaiah 55:7

V: 6 ***The eleventh hour*** – 5:00 p.m. - If it's the last hour of your life, it's not too
late to hear the invitation. Come to the vineyard! 11 Peter 3:9

V: 8-9 A proclamation of grace: the unmerited love of GOD. Ephesians 2:4-10

V: 10 JESUS is very clear – The wages are the same – ***everlasting life***.
Matthew 19:29

V: 11-12 (A) How do you feel about one who has been a rounder until late in life getting
the very same reward as you?

(B) Have you ***murmured*** against the good man of the house?

V: 13-15 (A) Companionship with JESUS is the only compensation for spending all day-
all your life – in service with the LORD in the vineyard. ... *and lo, I am*_____

with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matthew 28:20

(B) Is companionship with JESUS enough, or *Is thine eye evil?*

(C) JESUS thinks HE did *right*. (V: 4 & 7) What do you think?

V: 16

(A) It is hard to believe that GOD loves us in spite of what we have done.

Romans 3:21-26

(B) Others find it an affront that GOD does not love them because of what they have done! (V: 11-12)