

KINGDOM OF GOD

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SEREMON NOTES

Matthew 19:27-30

I. The Kingdom of Heaven is Like a Landowner, (Matthew 20:1-16)

A. Laborers Hired “*Early in the Morning,*” (vs. 1-2)

1. “*The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers. . . .*”
 - a. God’s grace is what provides work for those who want to become part of His kingdom.

B. Laborers Hired at “*the 3rd, 6th, and 9th hours,*” (vs. 3-5)

1. “*And he went out about the third hour and found others standing idle in the marketplace*”
 - a. The fact that the landowner continued to come back during the day to hire more workers is also *grace!*

Luke 19:10

2 Thessalonians 3:10

C. Laborers hired at “*the 11th hour,*” (vs. 6-7)

1. “*And about the 11th hour he went out, and found others standing; and he said to them....*”
 - a. There are always people who for one reason or another have not chosen to serve the Lord.

Matthew 7:7

D. God's Grace Pays the Wages at Right Time, (vs. 8-15)

1. Three very practical reasons against "waiting" till the "11th hour" before accepting God's call...
 - a. #1 - Someone may intervene & mess up "your" time schedule...

Luke 13:1-2

- b. #2 - Something may occur that alters your schedule. . . .

Luke 13:4

- c. #3 - You may be the one who rushes things

James 4:14

Luke 13:3, 5

2. (vs. 8-12), "*When evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers..'*"
 - a. Jesus is the "*foreman*". God has entrusted all judgment to Him.

John 5:22

2 Corinthians 5:10

- b. (v. 9), "*And when those hired about the 11th hour came, each one received a denarius.*"

- c. (vs. 10-12), "*And when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more....*"

Ephesians 2:8-9

Titus 3:5

3. (vs. 13-16), "*But he answered and said to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong....'*"

CONCLUSIONS:

2 Peter 3:9; Acts 17:30

Acts 2:38

1. Sadly, many times God's people's judgment is different from that of God. He desires for all people to be saved, but they must repent, (**2 Pt. 3:9**), "*God is not slow about His promise....*" The Apostle Paul told the Greek Philosophers in Athens the same thing, (**Acts 17:30**), "*Having overlooked the times of ignorance, / God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent.*"
2. We will not be saved by doing as men say; sinner's prayer, inviting Jesus into our heart, church attendance, etc.' But we need to accept God's terms for salvation; repent & be baptized, (**quote Acts 2:38**) if we want to be saved!