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


Romans 5:6, 8

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

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

(B) **The ninth hour** – 3:00 P.M. – If ¾ 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)