

Matthew 20

King James Version (KJV)

20 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. (This happened in the First Age. The man is God)

² And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. (The laborers are the Elect. Their labor was to serve God and teach His Word)

³ And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, (This is the present – the Second Age)

⁴ And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. (These are people who choose to serve God in the flesh life)

⁵ Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. (This is also the present or Second Age, in the end days when antichrist will be here, deceiving the world. Many will wake up out of their stupor and choose Jesus as their Savior)

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? (This is the future, during the Millennium; when people will be taught and choose Jesus)

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. (They began working for God at the end of the day)

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. (It is evening time. It is time to pay the laborers)

⁹ And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. (Everyone got an equal reward in Heaven)

¹⁰ But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. (They were all paid what they had agreed to)

¹¹ And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, (They all got paid exactly to what they agreed to. There shouldn't be any hard feelings. People always want to be a little above other people – wannabe lieutenants; it's human nature)

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. (But we worked much longer than these late comers)

¹³ But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? (Yes, they did)

¹⁴ Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. (The payment for working for God is eternal life with God in heaven. There is no seniority in Heaven. God does not have favorites)

¹⁵ Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? (The rewards are God's to give as He chooses. We are not owed anything by privilege. We must all earn our reward)

¹⁶ So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen. (The Elect <the chosen> were justified during the First Age. They will be rewarded at the end of this Age)

(They get the same reward as the people who just now <late in the Age> decide to repent and serve God. We are all equally saved by God and receive the same reward – eternal life in Paradise with God)

¹⁷ And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, (This was a private teaching – only to the apostles. Jesus will tell the Apostles what will happen to Him so that they will understand, as it is happening)

¹⁸ Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, (These are the church; the so-called religious community. They were preparing to murder Jesus, by betraying Him to the Romans)

¹⁹ And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again. (These Gentiles are the Romans)

(Jesus just told them that He will resurrect 3 days later. Yet after He was crucified, they acted and mourned as if He was gone forever)

²⁰ Then came to him the mother of Zebedees children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. (These two sons are James and John)

²¹ And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. (This is human nature – everybody wants to be something special; especially a mother for her sons. God has no favorites)

NOTE: (Men cannot sit with God on the Mercy seat. That is what Satan tried to do in the First Age. He was overthrown and then damned to death for it. He will die in the “lake of fire” at the end of the Millennium. His fallen angels will die at the beginning of the Millennium)

²² But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. (They have no idea what they are talking about)

²³ And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. (Jesus was crucified on the cross; and these two will both die as martyrs for Christ at the hands of the Romans. That is the cup that Jesus is speaking of here)

Revelation-21:20-24 (Yahoveh - the Father <God in His true form> and Jesus – the only begotten <God in flesh man’s form> are the temple in Heaven)

²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. (There was still competition among the disciples as to who would be the greatest)

²⁵ But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. (The greater Gentile is the master)

²⁶ But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; (The greater Christian is the servant)

²⁷ And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

²⁸ Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. (Jesus is the greatest Christian; and He became the martyr for all Christians)

(God came into the world as Jesus – a flesh man who defeated death. Death is one of Satan's names) Hebrews-2:14, Revelation-1:18, Revelation-12:11

²⁹ And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him. (By now, Jesus was known and loved by many people)

³⁰ And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. (They knew that Jesus was passing by. They knew He was our Lord and the Messiah – God in the flesh)

³¹ And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. (Physically these two are blind; spiritually their eyes are open because they know who Jesus is. They had great faith)

³² And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you?

³³ They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. (Millions have their physical eyes open, but they can't see a thing spiritually)

³⁴ So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him. (They went right to work for God)