

Theme: THE HOUSEHOLDER'S REBUKED

Memory Verse: *Luke 17:10 "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do".*

Texts: Mathew 20:13-16

The householder rebuked them for their envy. It is an evil eye which displeased at the good of others. Envy is an abomination to God, in-fact it is a sin. The mistake the labourers made was that they did not know that toiling for the God is not inalienable right but a privilege. God's service should not done as if God owes a debt. We rather are debtors and owe God gratitude for what He has done for us which we cannot pay.

God's service should be seen as a token of our appreciation to Him who gave His begotten son for our redemption. Believers are saved to serve and born to reproduce. *"So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do"*. Notice must be taken of the sovereignty of God in the way rewards were given. What God gives is His own; it is a gift, an unmerciful favour. "For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counsellor? (Romans 11:34).

Like the elder son in the parable of the prodigal son, the first group of labourers felt unhappy with the treatment they were given. They felt that they should not get the same reward with the latter time labourers. There those who feel offended by the recognition that are given to the latter-day converts in the church. They ask, when did he come that he should be assigned such a prominent position? Let us beware lest we offend the Lord.

DAILY BIBLE READING

MORNING		EVENING
MON.	Gen. 37	Mk. 9
TUS.	Gen. 38	Mk. 10
WED.	Gen. 39	Mk. 11
THUR.	Gen. 40	Mk. 12
FRI.	Gen. 41	Mk. 13
SAT.	Gen. 42	Mk. 14
SUN.	Gen. 43	Mk. 15