

Theme: PROFITABLE LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE

Memory Verse: *Ephesians 2:8-9* “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast”.

Texts: Mathew 20:1-16; Romans 9:15-16; Ephesians 2:5-9

The parable teaches some principles concerning the kingdom of God. One, entrance into God’s kingdom is a matter of privilege, not merit. “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast”. Two, none should feel superior because of a fortunate position. Three, Christians should not fail to share God’s concern in offering His grace to all. Four, believers should avoid the spirit of envy towards the spiritual blessings of others.

Five, we should be content with such things we have. Six, we should not pass judgment on the way God distributes His favours: The Scriptures says: “Who art thou that judges another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be Holden up: for God is able to make him stand” (Romans 14:4). Seven, there is hope for old sinners. The ones in this parable were hired at the eleventh hour, when the day of life is far spent. Eight, the Lord is faithful to reward all who labour in His service (vineyard) till the end of their lives.

In the parable, God is the householder, and all believers (born again children of God) are the labourers. The vineyard is the world. The parable teaches that people come to the Lord at different stages of their lives. Some have spent so much time in the Kingdom; others are new believers. Those who have been long in the Kingdom should not feel superior to those who are new. Old believers should not begrudge the new converts turning to God in the last moments of their lives and sharing equal opportunity of God’s grace in the Kingdom. This is because in reality no deserves eternal life for the first place. (1 Corinthians 4:7). Like Paul the Apostle, one may be a late comer to the Kingdom of God and still be used of God to do mighty exploits. Christ sober conclusion is “.....so the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen”

DAILY BIBLE READING		
	MORNING	EVENING
MON.	Gen. 44	Mk. 16
TUS.	Gen. 45	Lk. 1
WED.	Gen. 46	Lk. 2
THUR.	Gen. 47	Lk. 3
FRI.	Gen. 48	Lk. 4
SAT.	Gen. 49	Lk. 5
SUN.	Gen. 50	Lk. 6