

## Matthew 20      **The Labourers in the Vineyard**

Main Service

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### Keys to Interpretation

<i>his vineyard</i> = the house of Israel	<b>Isaiah 5:7</b>
<i>a man ... householder</i> = the Lord Jesus Christ	<b>Mt 13:24 &amp; 37</b>
<i>early in the morning</i> = the beginning of the Millennium	<b>2 Peter 1:19</b>
<i>the labourers</i> = believers who are serving God	<b>Mt 9:37-38</b>

### Note: Prophetical Application

Jesus speaks of private ownership and control over one's property & business.

The labourers are free to agree to the conditions, and then are bound by contractual duty.

The householder has the right to operate his business as he pleases.

Without any bureaucratic or regulatory interference. *Common Man's Reference Bible*, p 1440

Such will be the set-up of the Millennial Kingdom.

Doctrinal : Those who labour in the Millennium will receive the same reward : a penny.

- a *penny* 1. doct: a place in heaven      **John 14:1-3**
- 2. hx: a days wage      **Mt 20:2    Rev 6:6**
- 3. spir: the Millennial reward for Christian

In all three cases, a *penny* is an equal measure of reward.

Spiritual :    **1 Corinthians 3:6-15**    **2 Corinthians 5:10**    **Ephesians 5:8-17**

Example:    Two Christians die at age 75 years old.  
One was saved at age 10; the other at age 60.  
The first served 65 years; the second only 15 years.  
How can the Lord pay them the same.

# 1 had 65 yrs X 365 days = 23,725 days to serve

# 2 had 15 yrs X 365 days = 5,475 days to serve

If each served every day:

# 1     $23,725/23,725 = 1 \times 100 = 100 \%$

# 2     $5,475/5,475 = 1 \times 100 = 100 \%$

The Lord's Righteous Judgment : the same grade is worthy of the same reward !

## Kingdom of Heaven Parables

	<u>Matthew</u>	<u>explanation</u>
<u>The Mystery Parables Discourse</u>		
	chapter 13	
1 Parable of the sower	v 3 - 9	v 18-23
2 Parable of the tares	v 24-30	v 37-43
3 Parable of the mustard seed	v 31-32	
4 Parable of the leaven	v 33	
5 Parable of the hidden treasure	v 44	Israel
6 Parable of the pearl of great price	v 45-46	Church
7 Parable of the net	v 47-50	Millennium
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8 Parable of the unmerciful servant	18:23-35	
9 Parable of the labourers in the vineyard	20:1-16	
10 Parable of the marriage of the kings son	22:2-14	
11 Parable of the ten virgins	25:1-13	
12 Parable of the talents	25:14-30	

The kingdom of heaven is the physical rule of God's law somewhere on earth.

### **Deuteronomy 11: 18-21**

hx: The land of Israel from Joshua thru the Dispersion.

doct: The Millennium under Jesus Christ's reign in Jerusalem.

spir: The visible church worldwide = "Christendom".