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Matthew 20

¹ For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain householder, which went out at the dawning of the day to hire laborers into his vineyard.

² And he agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, and sent them into his vineyard.

³ And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

⁴ And said unto them, Go ye also into *my* vineyard, and whatsoever is right, I will give you: and they went their way.

⁵ Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

⁶ And he went about the eleventh hour, and found others standing idle, and said unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

⁷ They said unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He said to them, Go ye also into *my* vineyard, and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

⁸ ¶ And when even was come, the master of the vineyard said unto his steward, Call the laborers, and give them their hire, beginning at the last, till *thou come* to the first.

⁹ And they *which were hired* about the eleventh hour, came and received every man a penny.

¹⁰ Now when the first came, they supposed that they should receive more, but they likewise received every man a penny.

¹¹ And when they had received it, they murmured against the master of the house,

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.

¹³ And he answered one of them, saying, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst thou not agree with me for a penny?

¹⁴ Take that which is thine own, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, as much as to thee.

¹⁵ Is it not lawful for me to do as I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

¹⁶ So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many are called, but few chosen.

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ For the *kingdom of heaven is* as a man that going into a strange country, called his servants, and delivered to them his goods.

¹⁵ And unto one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one, to every man after his own ability, and straightway went from home.

¹⁶ Then he that had received the five talents, went and occupied with them, and gained other five talents.

¹⁷ Likewise also he that *received* two, he also gained other two.

¹⁸ But he that received that one, went and dug it in the earth, and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ But after a long season, the master of those servants came, and reckoned with them.

²⁰ Then came he that had received five talents, and brought other five talents, saying, Master, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained with them other five talents.

²¹ Then his master said unto him, It is well done good servant and faithful, Thou hast been faithful in little, I will make thee ruler over much: ^center into thy master's joy.

²² Also he that had received two talents, came, and said, Master, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents more.

²³ His master said unto him, It is well done good servant, and faithful, Thou hast been faithful in little, I will make thee ruler over much: enter into thy master's joy.

²⁴ Then he that had received the one talent, came, and said, Master, I knew that thou wast an hard man, which reapest where thou sowedst not, and gatherest where thou strawedst not:

²⁵ I was therefore afraid, and went, and hid thy talent in the earth: behold, thou hast thine own.

²⁶ And his master answered, and said unto him, Thou evil servant, and slothful, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I strawed not.

²⁷ Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming should I have received mine own with vantage.

²⁸ Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

²⁹ For unto every man that hath, it shall be given, and he shall have abundance, and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away.

³⁰ Cast therefore that unprofitable servant into utter darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.