

PARABLE OF WORKERS AND WAGES

[Mini-Series on Employment #2]

(Gen.2:8, 15; 3:17-19)

We are presently studying, in our Genesis Series, special doctrines from Toledoth One (Gen.2:4-4:26).

Four of the five Divine Institutions (DI) were created by God in Toledoth One. Only Nation was created later in Gen.10-11.

We are currently studying a mini-series entitled, Employment. Employment is DI #2 that we studied last week.

This is our second lesson in this mini-series. It comes from a parable taught by Jesus to His disciples.

(Matt.19:1) “He had left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of Jordan (eastside).”
(Matt.19:25-27) [His disciples].

Biblical Parable: Simply put a parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. **You always look for one doctrinal point no matter how many things or people are mentioned.**

In this parable, you have five different shift workers hired and their wages (6am, 9am, noon, 3pm, and 5pm).

The Doctrinal point is about the kingdom of God (20:1, 16).

<p>This lesson will study <u>five aspects</u> of the Parable of Workers and Wages.</p>

We will examine this parable by six homiletical points.

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| • Work contract | (Matt.2:1-2) | Denarius for day’s work |
| • Workers hired | (Matt.2:3-7) | Five shifts (6am, 9am, noon, 3pm, 5pm) |
| • Wages paid | (Matt.2:8-10) | Denarius paid end of day’s work (6pm) |
| • Wage dispute | (Matt.2:11-13) | Complaint against pay |
| • Wealth generosity | (Matt.2:14-15) | Evil (poneros) verse good (agathos) |
| • Wisdom of Parable | (Matt.2:16) | “Thus the last shall be first, and the first last.” |

The vineyard harvest (Matt.20:1) was usually in August – September in Israel. It was a major source of economical prosperity (grapes, raisins, juice, and wine). This part of the world has been the cradle of wine since Noah (Gen.9:20-24).

When Israel entered the valley of Eshcol, they were amazed at the grapes, pomegranates, and figs
(Num.13:22-24).

(Num.13:27b) “It certainly does flow with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.”