

**Sermon Notes**

**Providence Community Church**

5-31-15 Ken Carlton

**Title: MINIMUM WAGE**

**Main Text:** Mat 20:1-16

**Sermon Description:** Historical context helpful to an understanding of the parable of the laborers in the vineyard includes the following: 1.) In the history of special relation 'vineyard' is often employed as a metaphor illustrating aspects of God's communion with His covenant people. 2.) A work day consisted of the time from sunrise to sunset. Divide this time by 12, and each of these segments constituted 1 hour. 3.) A denarius a day was an average wage. 4.) The marketplace refers to a center of commerce where labor was secured, employment was sought, contracts were negotiated, goods and services were exchanged etc..

The literary/theological context is also important to recognize. Note that this parable assumes the same basic shape/structure as the preceding events. 1<sup>st</sup>) Rejection of rich ruler. 2<sup>nd</sup>) Commentary on salvation. 3<sup>rd</sup>) Promise to disciples. This pattern corresponds with: 1<sup>st</sup>) Master of the house/vineyard. 2<sup>nd</sup>) Laborers hired. 3<sup>rd</sup>) Payment of wages. The theological emphasis is God's total sovereignty over: property, election, and rewards (wages).

**Heading: 3 APPLICATIONS OF THE LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD PARABLE....**

**1. PROVIDENTIAL APPLICATION**

- a. Apostolic privilege (19:28-29)
- b. Servant greatness (20:20-28)
- c. Historical illustration

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**2. COVENANTAL APPLICATION**

- a. O.T. Imagery (Ps 80, Is 5:1-7)
- b. Ultimate work rewarded (20:17-19)
- c. Signal illustration (Acts 10:34-38)

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**3. INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION**

- a. Apostle Paul (I Cor 15:7-10)
- b. 2 illustrations
- C. TODAY IS THE 11TH HOUR!!

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Gill: "Special grace is His own, which He gives to whom He pleases: It is by His own grace, and not the merits of men, that any are chosen, adopted, justified, pardoned, regenerated, and called: That they have faith, hope, love, repentance or perform new obedience from a new heart and new principles. Heaven and glory is His own, of His own preparing and giving: and both grace and glory are disposed of, and that very rightly and lawfully, according to His sovereign good will and pleasure: He chooses, adopts, justifies, pardons, regenerates, calls, and sanctifies whom He pleases: and brings what sons to glory He thinks fit, and bestows it equally upon them..."

**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Historical context	Theological shape	Providence	O.T. Vineyard	Gentiles	Individual
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Mt 20:1-16	Mt 19:21-29	MT 20:20-28	Ps 80	Acts 10:34-38	I Cor 15:7-10

**FURTHER STUDY:** see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at [providencecrosslake.com](http://providencecrosslake.com)

**NEXT WEEK:** Heb 4 (communion Sunday)