

“Equal Pay God’s Way” **Mtt. 20:1-16**

Context: Don't miss the inclusio (19:30 / 20:16) or events of chapter 19.

1. The work day (1-7)

Some hired early (6am) some at 3rd hour (9am), at 6th hour (noon),
9th hour (3pm), and at 11th hour (5 pm)

2. The evening pay (8-15)

A gracious surprise bonus is for the latecomers (8,9)

Gracious bonus creates envy for 1st group (10-12)

Charges against landowner = not fair

Response / counter-charge of landowner

(1) I fulfilled contract. (2) It's my money. (3) You're the problem.

Referents = ?

The kingdom of heaven is like. . .

vineyard owner = God

laborers = believers

wages = ?

***Nothing here like proportionate pay in Lk. 19:12ff. How do these parables and NT theme of varied rewards fit together?

Last and first God's way (16)]

Repeat of 19:30. Also Mk. 9:33-37, Lk. 13:30.

Why did Jesus tell this parable?

Warnings: Expect big _____ on judgment day!
Count on God to judge _____.