

today's **SERMON NOTES**

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Parables

WEEK IX: THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD
MATTHEW 20: 1-16

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1. **GOD'S BLESSINGS ARE GOD'S CHOICE.**
(VS 15)
ISAIAH 55:8-9
2. **THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT'S FAIR
AND WHAT'S JUST.**
(VS 10)
JAMES 3:16 NLT

JUST- BASED ON RIGHT AND TRUTH.

FAIR- FREE FROM DISHONESTY OR INJUSTICE.

- A PERSON WHO EMPHASIZES "FAIRNESS" USUALLY ENDS UP GETTING MAD AT GOD.

(VS 11)

JOB 1:21 ; 2:9-10

"FAIRNESS" IS BASED ON MANKIND'S CHANGING VALUE SYSTEM, AND THE CHANGING WILL OF THE MAJORITY.

JUSTICE IS BASED ON THE UNCHANGEABLE PRINCIPLES OF GOD'S WORD.

THE WORKERS in the vineyard

- JUSTICE BRINGS CONVICTION OF VIOLATING GOD'S STANDARDS, WHILE "FAIRNESS" TRIES TO REMOVE GUILT BY LOWERING THE STANDARDS.

3. COMPARING YOURSELF TO OTHERS IS ALWAYS A **LOST CAUSE**. (VS 12)

(RICK WARREN) *"IF YOU'RE BETTER THAN SOMEONE YOU GET PUFFED UP WITH PRIDE; IF YOU'RE WORSE THAN SOMEONE YOU GET DISCOURAGED."*

4. GOD WILL NEVER LET YOU **DOWN**. ROMANS 2:11

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