



TRAITS COMMON TO MANKIND
(The Parable Unions Hate)

Matthew 20:1-16 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.² And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he 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 the 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 about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?⁷ They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

⁸ So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.⁹ And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.¹⁰ But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.¹¹ And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman 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 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?

¹⁴ Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.¹⁵ Is it not lawful for me to do what 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 be called, but few chosen.

I. THEY SUPPOSED.

¹⁰ But when the first came, they **supposed** that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.

“Suppose: *nomizō*.” To deem, think, suppose.

“Suppose”: “Held as an opinion: mistakenly believed.

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- **Isaiah 53:4** Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted..
- **Matthew 10:34-35** Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.
³⁵ For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.
- **Luke 7:18-19** And the disciples of John shewed him of all these things. 19 And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

II. THEY COMPARED.

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

- **2 Corinthians 10:12** For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, **are not wise.**

III. THEY MURMURED.

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

- **1 Corinthians 10:10** Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.
- **Philippians 2:14** Do all things without murmurings and disputing.