

THE PARABLE OF THE
LABOURERS IN THE
VINEYARD

Matthew 20:1-16

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INTRODUCTION

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OUR VISION:

To raise up anointed disciple-makers who are empowered to change their world for Christ.

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The main title of the graphic is '2023 - OUR YEAR OF GREAT GRACE'. The text is centered and rendered in a large, bold, white, serif font. The words '2023 - OUR YEAR OF' are in a smaller size, while 'GREAT GRACE' is significantly larger and more prominent. The background of the entire graphic is a close-up photograph of a bunch of multi-colored grapes (purple, green, yellow, and red) hanging from a vine, with bright sunlight filtering through the leaves, creating a warm, golden glow.

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MERCY

IS THE CURRENCY OF THE
KINGDOM

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Matthew 20:1 (NKJV)

1 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

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Ephesians 2:4 (NKJV)

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

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MERCY

WILL SPEAK FOR YOU

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Matthew 20:6 (NKJV)

6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?'

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James 2:13 (NKJV)

13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

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MERCY

WILL RECOVER WHATEVER
YOU LOST

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Matthew 20:6 (NKJV)

7 They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.'

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Matthew 20:9 (NKJV)

9 And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour,
they each received a denarius.

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Lamentations 3:22–23 (NKJV)

22 Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. 23 *They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.*

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MERCY

DOESN'T FOLLOW
PROTOCOL

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Matthew 20:8 (NKJV)

8 “So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them *their* wages, beginning with the last to the first.’

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Matthew 20:16 (NKJV)

16 So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.”

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MERCY

IS NOT FAIR

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Matthew 20:10-12 (NKJV)

10 But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. 11 And when they had received *it*, they complained against the landowner, 12 saying, 'These last *men* have worked *only* one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.'

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Romans 9:15 (NKJV)

15 For He says to Moses, “*I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy*, and *I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.*”

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CONCLUSION

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Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)

16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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