

**Stupendous Grace (Matthew 20:1-16)**

**Introduction**

- What is grace?
- Describe God's grace.
- What is happening in Matthew's Gospel at the moment?
- How did last week's passage end?
- How many lessons do parables normally teach?

**Matthew 20:1-16**

- What is it about Jesus' parable here which makes his point?
- What is unusual about v9?
- What is the 6am workers' point in v10-12?
- What is the landowner's point in response in v13-15?

**Lessons**

- Give two interpretations of the parable.
  - i)
  - ii)
- What does the unusual development in v9 show the point of the parable to be?
- So what is the first lesson we can learn here?
- List six passages which show how God's grace governs our lives every step of the way from eternity past to eternity future.

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- How much of this do we deserve?
- What should pondering the grace of God do to us?
- What is the second lesson we can learn here?
- How do we typically respond to v10-12?
- What does this show about us?
- How does the Lord's way of working contrast with that?
- Give an example of how we might think in terms of a principle of merit.
- How does v16 answer this?
- How can we be saved?
- What is trying to be good enough for God like?
- How, then, can we be saved?
- What notions do we need to set aside as Christians?
- What do you need to do to grow as a Christian?
- What do you need to do if you want to be an effective servant of Christ?
- How does Philippians 2:12-13 show the correct way to look at life?
- What will it do to us if we really get that?