

Is God Fair?

Read Jesus' story of the vineyard owner in Matthew 20:1-16.

Jesus came to tell us about His Father.

So here,

what does He want us to understand about Him?

As with the landowner,

everything belongs to the Father, and

He will do with it as He wishes.

So what does the Father care about?

How will He spend what is His?

He cares about the fruit in His vineyard.

He has worked hard for many years,

many centuries,

to nurture a Vine that gives good fruit.

And the fruit is ready now.

It must be harvested now.

He needs workers now.

(Are you available?)

He cares about His workers.

He doesn't want a single one of them to waste

their days or

their lives in idleness.

He wants to get every last one of them involved

in His important work,

gathering His precious fruit.

He eagerly chooses even the unchosen.

He is constantly recruiting, because

He cares about the fruit and

He cares about the workers.

Because He cares about the workers,

He gives to them –

not what they deserve,

but what they need.

He doesn't compare them to each other,

being careful that He doesn't overpay some.

He is not a miserly accountant, but

a lavish, loving Father.

He thoroughly enjoys giving away

all He has and
all He is.
He gives abundantly to everyone,
and no one can restrain His generosity!
As with most parents, His love seems
illogical,
irrational,
outlandish!

So is God fair?
No!
He pours out His love on the unworthy.
The self-centered will compare their "pay"
with those who seem less deserving than themselves and
complain.
Some who seem near to the Father
still don't share His heart.

Remember this:
as His workers,
His children,
our real reward is
not the riches of "having,"
but the riches of "being".
Our real reward is to share in Him.
Jesus is urging us
to enjoy our full inheritance,
to daily desire to become
more and more like our Father,
to truly be
His children,
heirs to
His generosity,
His overflowing love,
His merciful, tender, beautiful heart.

Hymn: [Failures and Prodigals](#)

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