

Eleventh Hour LABOURERS in the Vineyard of the Lord!

In a certain parable found in Matthew 20:1, **LABOURERS** were **HIRED** by the householder at the **ELEVENTH HOUR** to **WORK** in his vineyard (Matt. 20:6). This "eleventh hour" represents the church-age which started on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2).

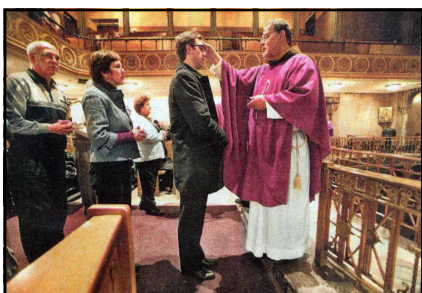
Today, the church-age is **NEARING** its' **END**: "...the **NIGHT COMETH**, when no man can work" (John 9:4). The Seven Churches in Rev. 2 & 3, representing its' history since Pentecost, is coming to a **CLOSE**; with the church of Philadelphia **GETTING READY** to meet our Lord in the air, and leave behind the church of the Laodiceans to "**CONTINUE REJOICING**" in her earthly riches (Rev. 2 & 3).

After we are gathered together with our Lord, **WE WILL** "...**ALL APPEAR before the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST**; that **EVERY ONE** man receive the things **DONE IN HIS BODY**, according to that **HE HATH DONE**, whether it be **GOOD or BAD**" (2 Cor. 5:10).

The question is dear "Christian," **WHAT HAVE YOU DONE** in your Lord's vineyard since you professed to be a **BELIEVER**? Are you **PRODUCING FRUIT**, or did you **BURY** the Lord's money (Matt. 25:25)?

Do **YOU** "**HUNGER [TO CRAVE]** and **THIRST after RIGHTEOUSNESS [DOING WHAT IS RIGHT]**" (Matt. 5:6) since you believed? Do **YOU** "...**DESIRE [TO YEARN FOR; INTENSELY CRAVE FOR POSSESSION]** the **SINCERE [UNADULTERATED]** **MILK OF THE WORD**" (1 Peter 2:2)?

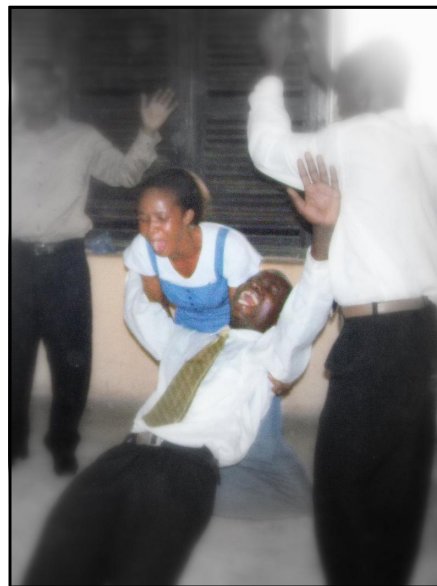
This is a **WARNING**: **ALL BELIEVERS** hunger and thirst after righteousness. **ALL BELIEVERS** desire the sincere milk of the Word. What have **YOU DONE** to **ENSURE** that the milk of the Word you're reading from is **NOT** a counterfeit? Again, this is a **WARNING!**



Jesus said "The HARVEST [IN THE VINEYARD] truly is **PLENTEOUS**, but the **LABOURERS ARE FEW**" (Matt. 9:37)! With millions of "Christians" in the world, statistically speaking, where **ARE** the laborers?

"For **MANY** are called, but **FEW** are chosen" (Matt. 22:14), because, "...**STRAIT IS THE GATE, and NARROW IS THE WAY, which leadeth unto LIFE, and FEW THERE BE that find it**" (Matt. 7:14).

We are **NOT SAVED** to strut in pin-strip suits or religious garments; we are **NOT SAVED** to work in buildings as the heathen do, observing religious traditions. We are **NOT SAVED** to perform entertainment, or to be propelled to run, scream and yell 'hallelujah' in the "spirit."



We are **SAVED** to **BE A LIGHT** in this dark world, to let our **LIGHT** "...so shine before men, that they may **SEE** your **GOOD WORKS**, and **GLORIFY** your Father" (Matt. 5:16); we are **SAVED** to be "...**WISE as serpents, and HARMLESS as doves**" (Matt. 10:16); we are **SAVED** to "...be **READY ALWAYS** to **GIVE AN ANSWER** to every man that **ASKETH** you a **REASON** of the **HOPE** that is **IN YOU** with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15).

Christian religions are **HAVING** their heaven RIGHT HERE ON EARTH, in spite of what the Word of God declares, "...teaching for doctrines the commandments of **MEN [MALE & FEMALE]**" (Matt. 15:9), and "praising God" while doing it, which is contrary!



Because there is a **LABOR-SHORTAGE** in the vineyard, we are instructed to pray that the Lord of the harvest (Jesus Christ Himself), "...will **SEND FORTH LABOURERS** into His harvest" (Matt. 15:9).

All believers are **SAVED** to **BEAR FRUIT!** We are branches of the "**TRUE VINE**" (John 15:1)! We are "...members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones" (Ephes. 5:30). Jesus said, "**EVERY BRANCH** in me that **BEARETH NOT FRUIT** He [God] **TAKETH AWAY**" (John 15:2).

We are **SET** in the world as **WATCHMEN** (Ezek. 33:7) and our **DUTY** is to "...give them **WARNING** from me" (Ezek. 3:17). We **PREACH**, "...**WARNING every man, and TEACHING every man in all wisdom**; that **WE** may **PRESENT every man perfect in Christ Jesus**" (Col. 1:28).

Hirelings **DO NOT** understand these words, "...**WEeping may endure for A NIGHT, but JOY cometh in the MORNING**" (Psalm 30:5), that is why they preach joyful and uplifting messages; they preach what is demanded: "...**prophesy NOT UNTO US** right things, speak unto us **SMOOTH THINGS, prophesy deceits**" (Isaiah 30:10).

Laboring in the vineyard calls for **MUCH SUFFERING**. Our Lord suffered **MANY THINGS**, and was **REJECTED** of his generation (Luke 17:25). Are **YOU REJECTED** in this world? We belong to Christ, "...**IF SO BE** that we **SUFFER WITH HIM**, that we may be also **GLORIFIED TOGETHER**" (Romans 8:17).

Are **YOU hard at work** in the vineyard? Are **YOU laboring** in the fields of our Lord? Are **YOU STUDYING** to **SHOW YOURSELF APPROVED** unto God, "...**RIGHTLY DIVIDING the Word of Truth**" (2 Tim. 2:15)?

Don't be **OVERCHARGED** with the **CARES** of this life (Luke 21:34), but be about **YOUR** Father's **BUSINESS** (Luke 2:49). "Blessed is THAT SERVANT, whom his Lord WHEN HE COMETH shall FIND SO DOING" (Luke 12:43). "**WATCH!**" (Mark 13:37).