

Lesson 6

The Vineyard of the Lord

I. Sowing the Seed (Matt. 13:3-9); Parable of the Sower (Matt. 13:18-23); Parable of Sower Explained:

- A. Church sowing agency today (Phil. 1:4-5; 2:15-16; 1 Thess. 1:8; 1 Tim. 3:15).
- B. Gospel is the seed (Luke 8:11).
- C. Seed must not be mixed (Deut. 22:9); corrupted with doctrines and commandments of men (Matt. 15:8; Col. 2:20, 23).

II. Laborers in Vineyard:

- A. Matthew 21:28-31.
 - 1. Divine call—"go work"
 - 2. Divine relationship—"Son"
 - 3. Divine time—"today"
 - 4. Divine place—"in my Vineyard"
- B. Matthew 20:1-16.
 - 1. Hiring more laborers.
 - 2. Went out early in the morning and all through the day—diligence and zeal.
 - 3. Why there were eleventh-hour idlers—"because no man hath hired us." Can this be said of us?
- C. Matthew 21:33-46.
 - 1. God's wrath upon the Jew for abusing His gracious provisions (Matt. 21:41-44).
 - 2. We must be faithful (1 Cor. 4:1-2; 2 Cor. 4:1-2).

**Workers in
the Vineyard
of the Lord**

III. The Place of Labor:

- A. In the Vineyard:
 - 1. Wisdom of God made known through the Church (Eph. 3:10-11).
- B. Glorify God in the Church (Eph. 3:21).

IV. Fruit to be Borne for God (John 15:8; Rom. 7:4).

- A. Romans 11:20-23. To stand by faith or faithfulness.
- B. Matthew 21:18-19. The curse of being unfaithful (John 15:2, 6).
- C. How?
 - 1. Brotherly love (John 15:12).
 - 2. Caring for the poor (Rom. 15:26-28).
 - 3. Every good work (Col. 1:10).
 - 4. Fruits of Spirit (Gal. 5:16, 22-23).
 - 5. Abiding in Christ (John 15:5-7).
 - 6. Contributing (Phil. 4:15-17).

7. Christian growth (1 Pet. 2:1-2).
8. Hiring laborers into Vineyard (Matt. 20:1-9; John 4:35-38; Luke 10:2).



V. The Reward at the End of the Day (Matt. 20:8; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; 1 Pet. 1:3-5, 9; Rev. 2:10).

Questions for Discussion:

1. Who are laborers in God's Vineyard today (Matt. 21:28)? _____

2. Is there any other field of labor in which we may glorify God? _____

3. How diligent ought we to be in the Lord's Vineyard? _____

4. Why are not many people laboring in the Lord's Vineyard (Matt. 20:7)? _____

5. How may fruit be borne? _____

6. When shall we receive the reward of our labors? _____

7. What is the seed that is to be planted in the Vineyard? _____

8. What if this seed is mixed with human teaching? _____

9. Upon what divine relationship does service in the Vineyard depend (Matt. 21:28-31)? _____

10. What feature of the Church does this figure emphasize? _____
