



- 1. ONE-THIRD OF WHAT JESUS SAID IN NT
- 2. THEY ARE BOTH MIRRORS AND WINDOWS
- 3. THEY TAKE US FROM KNOWN TO THE UNKNOWN
- 4. THEY BOTH REVEAL AND CONCEAL TRUTH



That's not... FAIR!

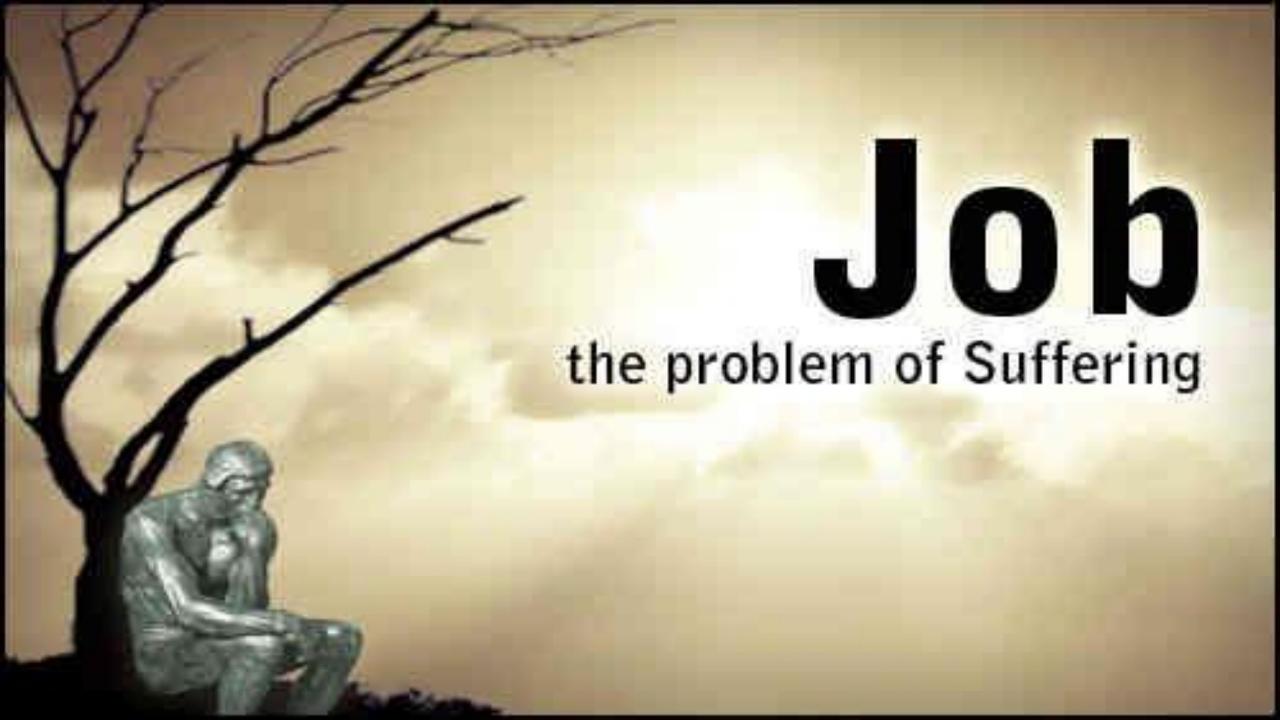


TWO SCENARIOS

COLLEGE GRADUATES







I. THE PREMISE OF THIS PARABLE

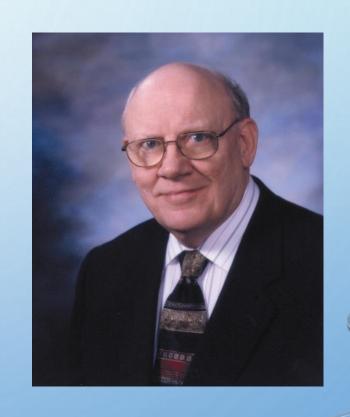
OUR MOTIVES IN SERVICE

"SEE, WE HAVE LEFT EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED YOU. WHAT THEN WILL WE HAVE?" (MATTHEW 19:27)



WARREN WIERSBE

"WAS PETER SERVING THE LORD ONLY FOR WHAT HE COULD GET OUT OF IT? WERE THE DISCIPLES FORSAKING ALL ONLY BECAUSE HE HAD PROMISED THEM A REWARD? TO COUNTER THIS SUBTLE ATTITUDE OF 'WHAT AM I GOING TO GET?' THE LORD TOLD THIS PARABLE."



II. PRINCIPLES OF THE PARABLE

A. THERE ARE NO SENIORITY RIGHTS IN GOD'S KINGDOM

PETER IN JOHN 21:18-22

B. GOD IS GRACIOUS AND GENEROUS

ROMANS 5:15 - SALVATION

I PETER 4:10 - SERVICE

C. THE GRUMBLING REVEALS ENVY & GREED

EXPECTATIONS: MATTHEW 20:10

RESENTMENT: LUKE 15:28-30

REALITY: ROMANS 14:12

D. GOD IS ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGN OVER ALL

RELATIONSHIP OF GOD TO MAN

"AM I NOT ALLOWED TO DO WHAT I CHOOSE" (15)

ISAIAH 40:13-14

E. GOD IS JUST IN ALL HIS DEALINGS

"WHATEVER IS RIGHT I WILL GIVE YOU"

TITUS 1:2 – "GOD WHO NEVER LIES"

F. DEPTH & QUALITY MATTER MOST TO GOD

"WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT"
(MATTHEW 25:21)

LIFE OF DAVID BRAINERD

G. GOD IS NO MAN'S DEBTOR

WE ARE OWED NOTHING!

"SO YOU ALSO, WHEN YOU HAVE DONE ALL THAT YOU WERE COMMANDED, SAY, WE ARE UNWORTHY SERVANTS; WE HAVE ONLY DONE WHAT WAS OUT DUTY" (LUKE 17:10)

H. GOD CARES FOR PEOPLE MORE THAN THINGS

PEOPLE OVER PROFITS

ROMANS 13:8

I. GOD IS NOT BOUND BY A SYSTEM

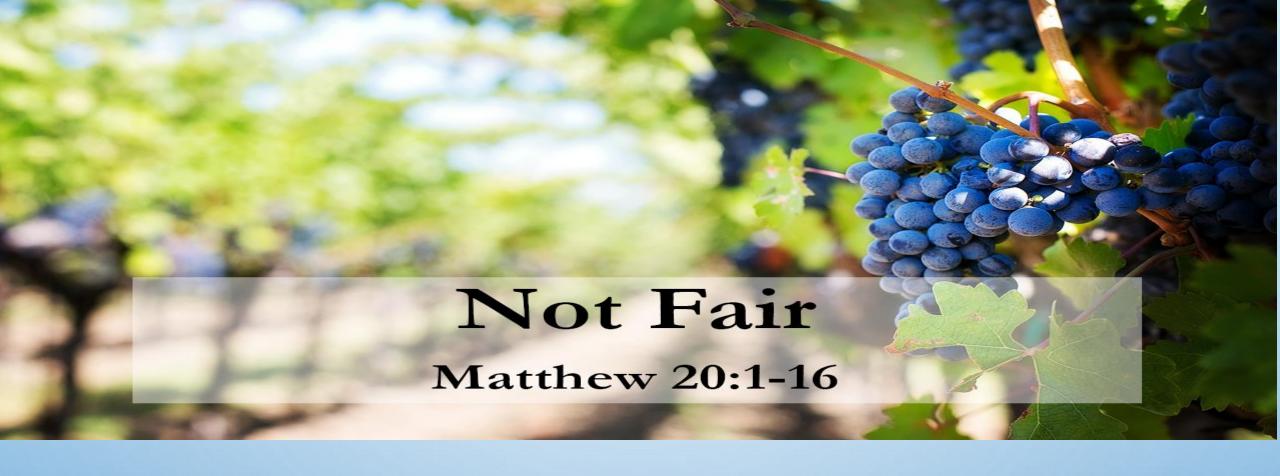
"MANY" NOT ALL THAT ARE FIRST SHALL BE LAST

BOTH A WARNING & ENCOURAGEMENT

J. GOD IS THE INITIATOR TO THE LABORER

LANDOWNER CAME TO THE MARKETPLACE

EPHESIANS 2:10

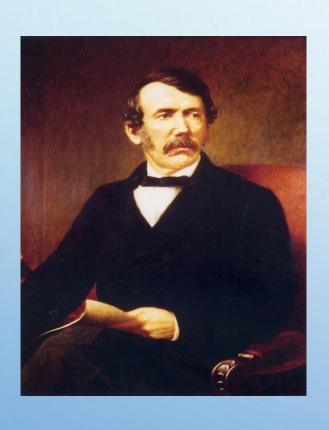


THIS PARABLE TEACHES US THAT THERE IS A DOWNSIDE TO THE UPSIDE. IN GOD'S KINGDOM THE WAY UP IS DOWN.

"WHAT THEN WILL THERE BE FOR US?"

"CLOTHE YOURSELVES, ALL OF YOU, WITH HUMILITY TOWARD ONE ANOTHER, FOR "GOD OPPOSES THE PROUD BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." HUMBLE YOURSELVES, THEREFORE, UNDER THE MIGHTY HAND OF GOD SO THAT AT THE PROPER **TIME HE MAY EXALT YOU" (I PETER 5:5-6)**





"IT IS ANYTHING BUT
A SACRIFICE. RATHER,
CALL IT A PRIVILEGE!"