

Chapter Ten

A PLEADING CALL TO THE ELEVENTH HOUR CHRISTIANS

In the latter stage of Jesus' earthly ministry, humanly speaking, He had a problem. The time for His offering of

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Himself upon the cross, His death, resurrection, and soon ascension back to Heaven,

was at hand.

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John's and James' mother had just approached Him about her sons' roll in the coming Kingdom. Judas would betray Him for thirty pieces of silver. Thomas, although a very good man, had the tendency to doubt. In fact, all of the apostles were slow to grasp the spiritual truths that went against their traditions.

"Through the trauma of my death and the magnitude of the tasks I have given them, will they hold together? Or will the devil be

able to inject enough doubt into their minds, coupled with their inferiority complexes, to cause the whole effort to go down the tubes?"

"I must do something to grab their attention, hypnotize their minds, and motivate them to give their all until their deaths. The whole world is lying in spiritual darkness, lost without God, condemned to spend eternity in hell; unless someone brings them the good news that, through my shed blood, there is remission of sins. But someone must go and tell them. These apostles are the ones that must lead this assault against the gates of hell."

"Are they up to it? Will they stay focused? Can they endure the pressure and persecution?"

The author knows that Jesus didn't think this way, because He was perfect God dwelling in human flesh, but He had a cause to do so.

WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

Through the reading of this book, you have the answer. Offer them a personal fellowship with me (Jesus) for the full 1000

years in the Kingdom, as regional kings over the twelve tribes of Israel.

He offered them the positions and spent forty days drilling this promise into their heads before going back to Heaven.

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The apostles' minds and souls were completely absorbed with this idea. They were captured by this promise!

Now, as Paul Harvey would say, "You know the rest of the story!" The Gospel was carried throughout the world and millions were saved!

TODAY, JESUS HAS A BIGGER PROBLEM

The author is still humanly speaking, but Jesus has a bigger problem. It is a SIX AND ONE-HALF TO SEVEN BILLION times bigger problem. There are over six billion souls in the world today and most of them are lost.

THE PROBLEM ILLUSTRATED

The Crop Is Perishing. With the crop in the field, a storm brewing, and a shortage of workers, how can a farmer sleep, much less kick back and retire? Everything he has worked for all of his life hangs in the balance.

He whispers, "Oh God, give me the strength to labor on," as he throws every ounce of his energy into saving his crop. Jesus has six and one-half to seven billion souls in His harvest, and time is running out.

The Towers Are Down and People Are Dying.

Terrorists have struck and the towers are down. Thousands are dead or trapped. Is it a time for a vacation; or is it a time for all out rescue?

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Can you hear the screams? Can you see the desperate faces? Can you assist the mangled? Can you feed the homeless? Is it a time for self-centeredness; or **is it a time for self-abasement?**

The city of New York responded. Mayor Guilliani thrust himself into the role of leadership. Men worked until they dropped. Other volunteers had to be

physically restrained after hours of exhausted searching. They must find the trapped. They must save the dying.

Jesus has six and one-half to seven billion souls that will not only die, but they are facing eternal separation from God, in hell, forever.

GOD'S MOST PRECIOUS HARVEST IS PERISHING

God's most precious harvest of people is perishing. Jesus goes out into the vineyard and **THE SUN IS SINKING, THE TIME IS SHORT, and THE DAY IS FAR SPENT.**

Humanly speaking, the thoughts begin to rush through His mind. "Many of the magnificent creatures, my crowning creation, the ones I created to love and be loved by are lost. Multitudes upon multitudes, numbers beyond counting, are getting closer to death and eternal destruction. As sovereign Lord of the universe, **what shall I do?**"

"I have already sacrificed my Son on the cross for their reconciliation and salvation. I need workers, people to go and tell them of my provision. I need laborers to

come and work in my vineyard and try to save the perishing souls."

"There are many standing idle! **Give a call! SOUND THE ALARM!** The day is ending! It is the Eleventh Hour! I need everyone, regardless of your experience or background. I don't care about past failures or a backslidden past. If you will throw your energy into this last ditch effort to save the harvest, I will pay you as if you worked **for me all day long.**"

CAN I WORK THE SAME MAGIC AGAIN?

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workers, **into worldwide leaders.** Can I get my plan across to people living in the eleventh hour of this dispensation just before my second coming? There are billions of souls hanging in the balance. How can I motivate the people in the eleventh hour to throw themselves into the fields to save the perishing masses?"

Jesus said, "My sheep know my voice. If they have a clear understanding of what my voice (the Word of God) is saying, **they will respond**. Some how I must get my message **across to them, my urgent need of their help**; I will do this by drawing their attention to the event **that changed my apostles from unfocused men into fearless leaders**. Once I make this point clear to them and they can clearly see what transformed the apostles, I will make them the same offer of reward."

TRANSFORMING PRINCIPLES

The principle that Jesus revealed to the apostles in Matthew 19:27-30, **transformed them** from weak, discouraged preachers into powerful, fearless apostles. The apostles of average ability were transformed into fearless focused missionaries, which not only evangelized the major city of Jerusalem, but also were successful in getting the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the world in their **lifetime. Nothing in history can compare with the tremendous fervor and success of their ministries.**

A Brief Background of the Apostles' Thinking

The apostles had worked tirelessly for three and one-half years. Day and night, week after week, they had marveled and learned from their master teacher. The marvelous accomplishments and the huge crowds that had followed Jesus for three and one-half years **had dropped off until there were only a handful of followers** who attended the meetings. The apostles had forsaken all, and for three and one-half years they had traveled night and day with Jesus. **They were tired. They were becoming discouraged.**

Then something happened **that captivated their minds and held them spellbound** for the rest of their lives! They were never the same again. According to historians, this great revelation caused all of them except one, the apostle John, **to give their lives as martyrs** for the cause of their dear Lord. The lone exception, the apostle John, was still active for the Lord at the age of 93 when he penned the final book of the Bible, the *Book of Revelation*, from his place of exile on the isle of Patmos.

God's Will for The Eleventh Hour Christians

The foundation for this thought provoking story found *in Matthew 20:1-16*, is what transformed the apostles.

One must understand the principles found in this story in order to get the full impact of the second story.

We Are Talking About Rewards

Bear in mind that the subject matter in both stories **has to do with rewards**. Peter bluntly told the Lord, "We have forsaken all to follow you. What shall we have therefore?" **Simply stated – “What are you going to pay us for our sacrificial service?”**

The people in both stories were born again Christians, who had all been saved by the grace of God. They were saved because of the sacrificial payment that Jesus made on the Cross of Calvary. They are all going to heaven by His grace without any mixture of works or efforts on their part.

God Is Looking For the Same Transformation

No one can deny that the apostles were transformed. What principle or truth is it that God wants to use to transform the Christians who are living on the earth in this eleventh hour? In this chapter, we will learn what significance the eleventh hour has and why its message will have the same potential of transforming you, the reader, in the same way it transformed the apostles.

GOD'S CALL TO THE ELEVENTH HOUR CHRISTIANS

The author will give a verse by verse account of these stories with a few brief words of explanation. We will begin in Matthew 19:27.

Verse 27: "Then answered Peter and said unto him [Jesus], Behold, we have

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forsaken all, and followed thee: what shall we have therefore?"

If one would study the events recorded in the previous ten verses, you would see that Jesus provoked Peter into blurting out his startling question of, "What shall we have, therefore?"

Jesus wanted him to ask the question to have the **opportunity of informing all the apostles** of the great bonus or reward for their faithful service to Him.

Verse 28: "And Jesus said unto them [not just Peter alone], Verily, I say unto you [plural], That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration [new spiritual order] when the Son of man [referring to himself] shall sit in the throne of his glory [1000-year kingdom], ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

The Old Testament scriptures and the statement in the model prayer, "Thy Kingdom come," all point to a future Messianic Kingdom in which Jesus will sit upon King David's throne in the city of Jerusalem, and rule this earth in perfect peace for 1000 years.

Jesus said, in answer to Peter's question, "What is your paycheck for sacrificially serving me?" The answer, which changed the apostles' lives forever, was, "When I rule from Jerusalem, you twelve men will be in close proximity to me as you each rule over one of the twelve tribes of Israel for the same 1000 years."

The record of this promise, as recorded in Luke 22:30, makes it so pointed and clear. "That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

The condition for receiving the fulfillment of this promise was, "If you will faithfully serve me for the rest of your lives, then I will let you rule the earth with me for 1000 years." A position of honor which elevated them to the same level as Abraham, Israel, Moses, Elijah, and the rest of their heroes - for a full 1000 years and beyond. What a paycheck!

Authors Note: Jesus spent forty days expounding on this point just before he ascended back into heaven. Acts 1:3

Verse 29: "And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life."

After stating this promise to the twelve apostles, Jesus turned to the **people of future generations**. Now, keep in mind the subject under consideration is **rewards**, not personal salvation from Hell.

The gift of God is eternal life. One cannot work for a gift. If he does, then it is no longer a free gift. We **do not inherit** everlasting life because it is a free gift, but we can inherit a hundred fold that will last forever, a reward.

Jesus is offering a paycheck, or reward, to the future followers who give up everything to follow Him - a reward which will bring a **hundred fold return** on their investments, which will be unto everlasting, or endless, life. **What a paycheck!**

Verse 30: "But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first."

Again, the subject is a paycheck or **reward**. The scope of the reward covers the **whole dispensation from the time of Jesus' ministry on the earth until He returns** the second time to become earth's King.

The people living during the apostle's time would be considered as "the first;" the ones living just before he comes the second time will would be considered "**the last.**"

Jesus is saying, many that are first (living in his day) will be last in paychecks or rewards, and the last (those who are alive when He comes back) will be **first in rewards** or paychecks.

With these startling principles in mind, may we continue our verse by verse study of the thought provoking story in Matthew 20:1-16.

Verse 1: "For the kingdom of heaven [work of God] is like unto a man that is a householder [owner] that went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard."

Jesus is saying, many that are first (living in his day) will be last in paychecks or rewards and the last (those who are alive when He comes back) will be first in rewards or paychecks.

Jesus is using the illustration of an owner of a vineyard who is seeking workers to harvest his grapes before they ruin, **to explain the work of God.**

Verse 2: "And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into the vineyard."

The word "penny" comes from a word that means "a day's pay." Let's use a modern day figure of one hundred dollars as the amount they agreed upon as the day's pay.

The owner asked the people looking for work, "Will you work in the vineyard for me this day for \$100?" The workers said, "Yes sir, we will be glad to work for the day's pay of \$100."

Verse 3: "And he [the owner] went out about the third hour [9:00 o'clock], and saw others' standing idle in the market place."

Three hours later the owner approached other people who were also looking for work.

Verse 4: "And he said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way."

Those in the market place agreed to work for a fair wage and started work at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

Verse 5: "Again he went out about the sixth [12:00 o'clock] and ninth hour [3:00 o'clock in the afternoon], and did likewise."

The owner hired additional workers at noon and again others at three o'clock to work in his vineyard.

Verse 6: "And about the eleventh hour [5:00 o'clock] he went out, and, found others standing idle, and saith unto them, why stand ye here all the day idle?"

At the Eleventh Hour, or when the day was almost over, the owner hired the final laborers to work in his vineyard. He seemed

surprised that they had been standing idle all day.

Verse 7: "They say unto him, **because no man has hired us.** He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right that, shall you receive."

Upon the owner's inquiry of why they were standing idle, they replied, "Because no man has hired us." The owner commissioned them to go into the vineyard and work upon his promise to pay them whatever was right. They went to work for the final hour of the day.

Verse 8: "So when even [evening] was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward [overseer], Call the laborers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the **first.**"

The day ends, and the superintendent is told to pay the workers. Now, **we have something very strange happen.** The superintendent is to pay the last employees, who have only worked for one hour, **FIRST.** The normal procedure is to show respect for seniority, and pay those employees who have worked longer for the company first, and then the ones who have only worked for a short time, last. But in this thought

provoking story, **we have that order reversed.**

Verse 9: "And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny."

Can you imagine the shock and the elation of those workers who had worked about an hour when the superintendent handed each one of them a hundred dollar bill. I am sure that there was shouting and leaping for joy. Others may have shed tears of unbelief. A hundred dollars, or a full day's pay, for working for only one hour! Unheard of! **WHAT AN ATTENTION GETTER!** Why would the owner do this? Pay the last workers first and give them a full day's pay?

Verse 10: "But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny."

The expectation of those hired early in the morning came crashing down when they also received \$100.

Verse 11: "And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house."

They voiced their disappointment by murmuring against the owner who is referred to as "the goodman" of the house.

Verse 12: "Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou **host made them equal unto us**, which have borne the burden and heat of the day."

They said, "It is not fair," and humanly speaking, many would agree. "We worked all day for twelve grueling, hot hours; and they worked for only hour, and you paid us the same amount as you paid them! **It is not fair!**"

Verse 13: "But he answered one of them [the spokesman], and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst thou agree with me for a penny?"

The goodman answered kindly by stating, "Didn't you agree this morning that \$100 would be a fair and just wage?"

Verse 14: "Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee."

He continued by saying, "Take your agreed salary and go your way because I am paying the eleventh hour workers the same \$100 that I have paid you."

Verse 15: "Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine

eye evil, because I am good?"The dialogue ran something like this:

Owner: "Isn't it my money?"

Worker: "Yes, sir."

Owner: "Can't I spend my money the way I please?"

Worker: "Yes, sir."

Owner: "Didn't I pay you exactly what we agreed on this morning?"

Worker: "Yes, sir."

Owner: "Then what is your complaint?"

Worker: "No complaint, sir."

Owner: "Has your eye become evil, because I treated someone good?"

Worker: No answer.

Verse 16: "So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen."

In this verse, Jesus is referring back to the last four verses in Matthew Chapter 19, where He was discussing the apostles' paychecks for their successful service to Him.

As you can see, this is a very strange and thought provoking story. Pay the last workers first, and give them exactly as much as those who worked all day long. Strange indeed! What on earth does it mean?

Note the expression, "For many be called, but few chosen."

The "many called" are those who are part of the eleventh hour. They are the ones who are invited by the Lord to go to work in His vineyard. The "few chosen" are those who accepted His offer and went to work.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS THOUGHT PROVOKING STORY

A casual observer might agree with the complaining workers who worked through the heat of the day and received the exact same pay as those who had worked but one hour. This story is contrary to the way that a company normally pays its workers. Workers, who have been with a company longer, generally are given more consideration than the people with less seniority.

Without understanding the details and purpose of this story, the average person would agree or at least be sympathetic toward the people who had worked all day.

This story was told by Jesus to, undoubtedly, cause people to stop and think. It was told to provoke people to find the answers to the following questions.

- Who is the householder?
- What does the vineyard represent?
- Who are the laborers?
- What does the day from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. mean?
- What is the key to understanding this story?
- What significance does the Eleventh Hour have?
- Why did he pay all workers the same wage?
- Why did he pay the last workers first?
- When will this payday take place?
- What is the purpose of the story?
- Who is this story directed to primarily?
- What does this strange story mean?

THIS THOUGHT PROVOKING STORY THOUGHT OUT

In order to understand this puzzling story you must consider the following answers to those questions.

The householder (landowner) represents God. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof...." Psalms 24:1

The vineyard represents the kingdom work of rescuing sinners who, when they perish, will be lost forever in hell.

The laborers represent Christians or soul-winners. They were harvesting the **fruit, which are people.**

The day beginning at 6:00 AM and closing at 6:00 PM represents the whole dispensation, beginning with Jesus' ministry until the close of the age at His second coming.

The key to understanding their story is to interpret it within its setting. This story is part of the discussion that started in Matthew 19:27-30, which is dealing with rewards. The term "the last shall be first" in the previous story is clearly dealing with the whole church age, beginning with the apostles (the first) until the end of the age (the last), and the rewards that people will earn at the second coming of Christ.

The proper understanding of the Eleventh Hour is the heart of the story. The Eleventh Hour represents a period of time, WHICH IS VERY CLOSE TO THE END OF THE DAY, OR AGE. The Eleventh Hour, before His second coming, represents the ones who are alive when He returns. The Eleventh Hour also represents

people who are saved during the latter time, or in the Eleventh Hour of their life.

Why did he pay all workers the same wage? He did this to motivate those who are alive now, in this Eleventh Hour period, realize **the great opportunity of our day**. Jesus, the Lord of the Harvest, is sending this message, "If you will forget about everything that is going on all around you and really go to work to win souls in my vineyard for the one hour you have left, **then I will blot out all your past sins and pay you as if you worked your whole life for me.**"

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When is this payday? The answer to

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this question is found in Matthew 19:28. Jesus told the apostles that when He came

back and started His Millennial Kingdom of

1000 years on this earth, they also would rule over the twelve tribes of Israel. The pay or reward for the Eleventh Hour Christians will be to work under King Jesus as one of His kings **during His glorious rule of 1000 years**

What is the purpose of this story?

With this story, Jesus is attempting to enlist workers to become laborers for Him in this Eleventh Hour right before His second coming.

Who is Jesus directing this story to, primarily? There are three classes of people who are all alive on this earth at this very moment. The three classes of people could be three different groups of people or **all three could be found in the same group.**

Anyone who is saved in this period of time, in the waning moments before Jesus comes back.

Those who, according to their biological clock of sixty plus years, are in their Eleventh Hour. Many of these seniors and retired people could go

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full time in assisting in the Lord's work or in winning souls.

Those who are saved but who have been standing idle all their lives.

There are many who go through some tragedy or have made dumb decisions that have shipwrecked their lives. The devil has made them think that God cannot or would not ever be able to use them again. This Eleventh Hour call from the Lord of the Harvest is saying, "Don't listen to the voices that keep you inactive. I need you! Souls are dying! Come on and help me and I will pay you like you have worked for me all of your life!"

What does this story mean? It means the need for workers is urgent. It means that the perishing soul, who is facing a Christless world, has only a short time in which to be saved. It means God is trying to speak to senior citizens and those who have made shipwrecks of their lives, that they are important and that he needs them. With this story, He is trying to reveal to them their real purpose in this day and age, and of His despair. He is calling them to enter the work of giving their lives and talents to His work of winning and training lost souls.

SPOTLIGHT THE PUNCH LINE IN THIS THOUGHT PROVOKING STORY

There is nothing worse than missing the punch line of a joke or a story. Maybe the person telling the joke didn't tell the joke properly, or he left out a vital part of the joke that caused the punch line to fizzle. The person who was listening may have missed part of the joke, or perhaps his understanding of terms was different from the joke teller's, regardless, the joke fizzled.

In order to make the punch line of this thought provoking story, absolutely clearly, may I give it to you in simple, easy to understand language?

An Offer of Full Reward

The senior citizen, who is saved in the biological Eleventh Hour of his life, and who will enter into the harvest of lost souls as his primary purpose in life, will be rewarded at the second coming as if he had spent all his life working faithfully for

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Christ. This reward will entail ruling over part of this earth during the 1000-year reign.

In addition to this group, there is a statement in verse six that broadens this number to include many others. Note the expression, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" This is referring to people who, through mistakes or sins in their earlier lives, are not active in ministries. They are lamenting over past heartaches or failures. These are the people Jesus is appealing to in this story.

An Offer of Amnesty

In this group described as, "Why stand ye here all the day idle," are many people, who have been saved for a long time, that are nothing more than bench

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warmers or irregular church service attendees. They do not give a tithe, but just tip the church a little for its services. Most of them who have been standing idle, have never won a soul to Christ, and their unfaithful life as a Christian is a bad testimony instead of a good testimony.

Regardless of whether you are in the Eleventh Hour of your biological life, or whether you have been standing all day idle, **the offer is the same**, "Go work in my vineyard by winning souls and **I will pay you as if you had worked all your life for me.**"

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Don't Let Past Broken Vows Destroy Your Dreams

If there ever were dreams that were lofty and noble, those were your dreams at the start. Those dreams were placed in your mind and in your heart by God. They were God's dreams for your life. God has not changed. The need has not changed.

So, you slipped and fell and became soiled merchandise. Listen to the call of the Lord of the harvest, the One who died for you, the One who has never given up on you. Listen to His words. **"Why stand ye here all the day idle?** Go ye also into my harvest."

Don't Let What The Brethren Think Destroy Your Dreams

If there ever were dreams that were lofty and noble, those were your dreams at the start. Those were God's dreams for you too. They represented the abundant life that He planned for you.

You may have fallen. You may have been betrayed. You may have given up or turned aside. But God has not changed.

Don't let what the brethren say rob you. Don't let what they accept, or the standards they demand, dictate to you. Get away from them. Move to another part of the vineyard. They didn't die for you. It is not their blood that cleanses you; none of them gave you life. They didn't call you. **Here is your chance to redeem yourself.**

Listen to the precious One who went down to death and fought the forces of hell for your soul.

Listen to the sovereign Lord of the Harvest. "Why stand ye here all the day idle? Though you are broken, I need you. Though you are not the fresh, optimistic youth any more, I need you. Souls are dying and hearts are crying. Get your eyes off the past. Quit lamenting over things that you cannot change."

"I offer you amnesty for all your past sins. I, the Supreme Creator and God, say, Why stand ye here all the day idle? Go ye also into my harvest."

"Throw yourself into an all out effort to save souls from eternal separation from me, convince them that I love them and will save them. **Use your own testimony of hurt, sorrow and despair** and I will convince them through you."

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"We will make a great team."

"The weak and the strong."

"The dumb and the wise."

"The failure and the finisher."

"The soiled and the savior."

"The impoverished and the infinite."

"The hurt and the healer."

"We will make a real team, and **in the end** when I come to my throne, I will remember that in my desperate hour, **you got back up, laid aside the past, and helped me.** If you will do this for me in **the massive, six and one-half to seven billion harvest** of lost souls, I will pay you like you served me all the days of your life!"

"Why stand ye here all the day idle?"

**GOD KNEW YOUR PROBLEMS
BEFORE YOU HAD THEM**

If there ever were dreams that were lofty and noble, those were your dreams at the start. God knew the problems you would encounter before placing those dreams in your heart.

Where did those dreams come from? Who gave them to you? The One who placed them in your heart has not changed.

He knew about your problems, your bad decisions and heartbreaks. He **foresaw them even before you experienced them.** But in spite of those problems, He placed those dreams **in** your heart.

Don't let the devil beat you down. Don't let him laugh at you as he continues to keep you captive. **He has been keeping you standing idle all day long while the poor masses that Jesus died for are lost and dying.**

Hear what the Lord of the Harvest is saying:

- "So you were foolish - I called the foolish."

- “So you are weak - I called the weak.”
- “So you are base - I use the base.”
- “So you are fearful - I can change the fearful.”

ANSWER ONE QUESTION FOR A GLORIOUS FUTURE

My question to you:

- is not – about your past,
- is not – about your status,
- is not – about your ability."

My only question to you is, **“Why stand ye here all the day idle?”**

- I need you.
- Other workers need you.
- The perishing need you.

"If you will help me in my lonely, desperate hour, I will remember you when I come in my power and glory."

"Go ye also into the vineyard and you have my promise for it. On my honor-whatsoever is right - that shall ye receive."

- A new day

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“Why?”

- A new start.
- The past is behind you.

THE CALL IS BEFORE YOU

This is your new beginning. He gave you the dreams and your chance is before you now! It is not how you started, but how you **finish, that counts in the Eleventh Hour.** **“Why stand ye here all the day idle?”**

GOD'S WILL FOR MAN IS TO HAVE DOMINION OVER THE EARTH!

It was God's plan when He created man to have dominion over the earth. It is His plan today, more importantly; it is God's plan for you.

Maybe you have ignored those examples that God placed in the Bible, which were to serve as an inspiration for your Christian life.

Maybe you have reached a comfort level and have eased off in your Christian service. You have accepted the standards of those around you, instead of the zeal and dedication of those in the Bible. This is your chance as an Eleventh Hour Christian.

Jesus has promised you, "Hear my plea for workers, and go to work to help save part of the six and one-half to seven billion harvest; and I will pay you a full day's pay. You will be part of those who will have dominion over the earth. You will rule with me!

“Why stand ye here all the day idle?”

How you respond to his Eleventh Hour plea will have a lot to do with where you will live for 1000 years.

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