



Undeserved

Jesus described a world
suffused with God's grace:
where the sun shines and rain
falls on people good and bad;



where birds gather seeds gratis,
neither plowing nor harvesting
to earn them; where untended
wildflowers burst into life
on the hillsides.



Like a visitor from a foreign country who notices what the natives overlook, Jesus saw grace everywhere.

- Philip Yancey





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Kingdom of Heaven — the here
and now, reign and rule of God



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He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.



“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing.



He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.'

So they went.



“He went out again about noon
and about three in the afternoon
and did the same thing.



About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'



“‘Because no one has hired us,’
they answered. ‘He said to
them, ‘You also go and
work in my vineyard.’”



“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’



“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius.



So when those came who
were hired first, they expected
to receive more.



But each one of them also
received a denarius.



When they received it,
they began to grumble
against the landowner.



‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said,
‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’



“But he answered one of them,
‘I am not being unfair to you,
friend. Didn’t you agree to
work for a denarius?
Take your pay and go.



I want to give the one who
was hired last the same
as I gave you.



Don't I have the right
to do what I want with
my own money?



Jesus illuminates the absurdity
of our resistance to grace.

- Andy Stanley



Or are you envious
because I am generous?'



“So the last will be first,
and the first will be last.”

- Matthew 20:1-16





grace doesn't compare



...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

- Romans 3:23-24





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