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(Parable #25)
SALVATION BY AGREEMENT

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Matt. 20:1-16

INT:

All Bible gives man two basic impressions about God.

1. God loves man with intensity beyond imagination.
2. God wants all of His creation to come HOME-Heaven.

Scriptures resplendent with proofs of this Major premise

Matt. 7:21	John 3:16-17	Acts 4:12	
Mark 16:15-16	John 14:1-3	Romans 10:13	II Pet.
Luke 19:10	Acts 2:38	Eph. 2:8-10	3:9.

Principle of Salvation stated in Eph. 2:8-10.
Illustration of the Principle in Matt. 20:1-16.

I. SALVATION BY AGREEMENT: PARABLE OF THE LABORERS.

- A. "And when he had agreed with the laborers.." 2. WHAT.
1. A penny (shillings: 24 1/3¢) promised 1st hr. group.
 2. "What's right" promised to 3rd, 6 & 9th hour groups.
 3. "What's right" promised to 11th hour laborers. V.7.
- B. "He sent them into his vinyard.." 2. WHERE. Matt.
1. Householder had only ONE vinyard. One church. 16:18
 2. Jesus calls men to only one church: HIS!
"Not the church of Your choice.. Christ's choice."
- C. "An householder..went out early." 1. WHEN.
1. Obey as early as understand enough. Mark 16:15-16.
 2. 11th hour men went as soon as called. Vs. 7.
(No defense of death-bed repentance. Case: learning the gospel late in life. "Where you been?")
- D. "Evening..Call laborers...give them their hire." WHY?
1. All labor motivated by fear or reward. Heb. 12:2.
 2. Agreement was: Work as soon as possible and long as possible until day of reward. II Th. 1:7-12.

INV: OBSERVATIONS INTENDED TO STIR OUR HEARTS TO SALVATION.

1. Sal. is by agreement. God's grace. Man's faith.
2. Faith leads us to repent (Luke 13:3), confess (Matt. 10:32), be baptized (Acts 2:38).
3. Faith leads us back home if wandered away. R-P
4. Faith leads us to Identify when move to new location and enter the work in the vinyard.