

THE ELEVENTH-HOUR CALL (outline # 6)

PRAYER THOUGHT: COL 127:4; CSW 28-30.

PRAYER

READ MATT. 20:1-8

INTRODUCTION:

This parable is generally understood as the parable of grace. It reveals that in worldly business, compensation is given according to that which one earns. But in the parable, Christ illustrates that His kingdom is not governed by any human standard. This point is forcibly set forth by the Householder who pays the laborers the same wage whether they have worked one hour or all day.

The purpose of our study today, however, is to look deeper into the message of this parable “to sink the shaft deeper into the mine of truth.” (CW 41).

- 1. REVIEW READING** and various transactions.
Note: All calls were made at 3 hour intervals, except for the last (the 11th hour call).

- 2. WHOM DO THE HOUSEHOLDER AND LABORERS SYMBOLIZE?**

Householder: God the Father (COL 396, 397)

Laborers: The saints (Luke 10:1-2)

- 3. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE VINEYARD AND MARKET PLACE?**

Vineyard: The world (COL 301 or 6 T 24)--the place where the saints labor.

- 4. THE ANCIENT TIME CLOCK**

In the days of Christ and even now in some countries, time is regulated by sunset at twelve o'clock. Near the equator where the days and nights are continually equal, the sun sets at twelve and rises at twelve. Therefore, six o'clock would be noon in the light part (top part of the chart), and six o'clock in the dark part would be midnight (bottom part of the chart). This is the kind of time Jesus used in the parable. See John 11:9.

5. THE FIRST LABORERS--Ancient Israel

- A. COL 400
- B. They are the only ones with whom God has made an agreement (covenant). See verse 2. Also Ps. 105: 8-10.
- C. To all the other laborers the Householder sent out saying, "Whatsoever is right that shall ye receive." (See also COL 397).

6. WHEN WERE THE FIRST LABORERS CALLED INTO THE VINEYARD?

Answer: When the sun was rising (early in the morning)

- A. The Bible is our spiritual sun or light (Psalms 119:105)
- B. Thus, the Israelites were sent into the vineyard just when the spiritual sun (the Bible) was coming into existence. See GC V, Hag. 2:5.

7. WHAT WAS THE MESSAGE OF ISRAEL?

Answer: The sanctuary service--the ceremonial system.

NOTE: The ceremonial system in connection with the sanctuary as a new or original truth (not understood before). **So must it be with the following calls.** See GC. 609 or COL. 127.

8. THE THIRD HOUR LABORERS--The early Christians

- A. The message of the Jews met its fulfillment at the cross. Thus, then call must have come somewhere around the crucifixion of Christ. See Mark 15: 25; Acts 2:14,15; Acts 13:46.
- B. This was the time of the Gospel, the next newly and original new truth.
- C. The Apostles were the next laborers. The lord called and sent them to the vineyard. (Matt. 28:19)

- D. We note that providentially Christ was crucified at the 3rd hour (Mark 15:25), and that the Apostles received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the 3rd hour of the day.

9. THE SIXTH HOUR LABORERS --The Millerites or First -day Adventists.

- A. The only new truth after the early Christian church was the message of the 2300 days and the second advent of Christ, proclaimed by Miller and his associates. They announced the Judgment to the world.

NOTE: The sixth hour laborers could *not* be the Protestant Reformers because their endeavors were purely to restore old down-trodden truths, not to reveal new ones. In other words, they taught the same truths as the Apostles.

10. THE NINTH HOUR LABORERS--The SDA Church

- A. The only movement with a freshly revealed truth after Miller and his co-laborers would be that of the SDA church coming up in 1844 teaching the Judgment of the Third Angel's Message.
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11. THE SIXTH AND NINTH CALLS ARE CLOSELY RELATED

- A. Read verse 5 again
- B. Both calls or movements are connected. One picked up where the other left off. Both movements are connected by the same year (1844) . One ended (First-day Adventists) in 1844, the other (SDA) started the same year.

12. THE ELEVENTH HOUR LABORERS AND THEIR MESSAGE--The faithful SDA's who will proclaim the loud cry to the whole world.

- A. The 11th hour call is the last on record coming just one hour before sunset (end of time--John 9:4).
 - B. The call comes within the time period (3 hours) allotted to the Ninth hour workers, indicating that the 11th hour call is **NOT another church**, but a laymen's movement--**Within A Call**.
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- C. It also shows that something has gone wrong, and the work of finishing the Gospel is delayed--not progressing as it should. Thus, another call had to be made just *one hour before sunset*. (See 5T 217; TM 86).
- D. If all the previous calls were new truths then the 11th hour call **must** also be a new truth.
- E. This shows, too, that **another message** is to come **within** the church to finish the Gospel.

13. WHAT IS THE ELEVENTH HOUR MESSAGE?

- A. Read 6 T 406:4 .--Here we see that the Third Angel's message is to be followed by another angel who is to lighten the earth with its glory. (Rev. 18)
- B. Read Rev. 18:1-4--This angel is not flying in the midst of heaven, but is come down. Therefore, it cannot be the same as the three angels of Rev. 14.
- C. Read EW 277 (the whole page) an additional message to the third.

Points Of Emphasis In EW 277:

- 1. Fourth angel gives "power" and "force" to the Third Angel's message.
- 2. He unites his voice with the third. Showing that he has his own voice (message).
- 3. It prepares the people of God for the hour of temptation ahead. Without it (this angel) the church would not be ready for the time of trouble ahead.
- 4. When this message is to be given it must be fearlessly proclaimed. This is not being done now. Therefore, this call is yet future.
- 5. It is an 'ADDITION' to the Third Angel's message. Therefore, this other angel is a message separate and apart from the third message, but will give power and force to it swelling it to a loud cry. It is not the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, but a message, which prepares the church for the outpouring of the Spirit.

Objections which may arise about EW 277: The word "seemed" as used in this passage may be said to show doubt or uncertainty as to this other angel being an additional message. (See EW 277:2).

Answer:

- A. The word “seem: means to appear to be, to appear to oneself; appear to be true or the case” The American College Dictionary.
- B. Read the first five lines of the 2nd paragraph. The word seemed appears again. “. . . I heard voices which **seemed** to sound everywhere, ‘come out of her my people. . ..’” Here she heard voices saying exactly what the Bible says in Rev. 18:4. So if in using the word “seemed” it indicated doubt or uncertainty, then it would show doubt or uncertainty as to what the Bible states in Rev. 18.
- C. She, therefore, is in vision showing what she saw and how it was revealed to her.

14. IS THE CALL TO COME OUT OF BABYLON BEING GIVEN TODAY?

Answer: NO--Read GC 389--We note here that the fall of Babylon is not yet complete and she has not made all nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Hence, the message and call of Rev. 18 is still yet future.

- A. GC 383 (1888 Edition): “The message of Revelation 14 announcing the fall of Babylon must apply to religious bodies that were once pure and have become corrupt. Since this message follows the warning of the judgment, it must be given in the last days, therefore, it cannot refer to the Romish church, for that church has been in a fallen condition for many centuries. Furthermore, in the eighteenth chapter of the Revelation in a message **which is yet future**, the people of God are called upon to come out of Babylon.”

15. WHO ARE THE ELEVENTH HOUR WORKERS?

Answer: Faithful SDA s--The church purified--144,000. (See outline on Revelation 7, part 1 for more information.)

SUMMARY:

The 11th hour message is therefore the Loud Cry message of Revelation 18---the other angel that is to join the Third Angel’s Message and give it “power and force.” It is not the outpouring of the Spirit but another message that joins the Third and prepares the church for the finishing of the gospel. Without this “additional “ message the church will not be able to complete its gospel mission.