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But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. (Psalm 47 : 6–7)

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A fair day's wage for a fare day's work.

The motto of the English working class movement since the 1800's has been that if you work you deserve to get paid. However, lately it seems that a new motto has taken its place, "Pay me more than I deserve for less than quality work."

This morning I am worried less about societal problems and more concerned with the attitude of society infiltrating the church. How many of us feel the same way when it comes to our service to God? We want the wage of righteousness, but are unwilling to do the work of the day.

When Paul states, "now is the accepted time" (II Corinthians 6 : 2) he spoke of salvation. But could we also not use the same attitude towards our service? "Now is the time to do a fare day's work." If we want to get paid, we need to do the work.

Cornelius was a man who did many things; gave alms, fasted and prayed. He worked. But yet, he was told by the angel that God saw his work, yet it wasn't the proper work; he still had something to do.

Many in that day will say, "Lord have we not been working?" It is not a matter that we are *busy* it has to do with are we busy on the right things. God will provide a fair day's wage for those who do a fare day's work.

A fair day's wage for a fare day's work.

* Fair—Fare

Fair—agreeing with what is right or acceptable, treating people in a way that does not favor some over others

Fare—to do something well or badly

* Matthew 20 : 1–16

The kingdom is like hired workers

What are they promised?

A fair wage, for a fare work

* Acts 2 : 37; 9 : 6; 16 : 30

What do / should we need to do?

Fair—If we do what we are told, we receive what has been promised.

* What must we do?

Acts 2; Acts 9; Acts 16—Repent and be baptized.

Revelation 2 : 10—Remain faithful.

* What will we receive?

Acts 2; Acts 9; Acts 16—Remission of sins

Revelation 2 : 10—A crown of life.

* Do we deserve it?

No—we are unprofitable, it is only our reasonable service.