

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

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Fair

agreeing with what is thought to be right or acceptable
treating people in a way that does not favor some over others
marked by impartiality and honesty

Fare

to do something well or badly

An impartial, acceptable, pay (wage) based upon how well you worked in a day.

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Matthew 20 : 1 – 16

How is the kingdom of Heaven likened to?

Hired Workers

What were the first set of workers promised?

A fair day's wage, "a denarius", for a fair day's work.

What were the second set of workers promised?

"...go...whatever is right I will give you."

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

What were the third, fourth, and fifth set of workers promised?

"...likewise...whatever is right you will receive."

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Matthew 20 : 1 – 16

What did the worker's receive?

The fifth set – a denarius

The fourth set – a denarius

The third set – a denarius

The second set – a denarius

The first set – a denarius

At least according to the parable, they all did well in their work and they were all paid.

But was it a fair wage? Was it right, showing no favor?

Consider the complaint: "...equal to us..."

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Matthew 20 : 1 – 16

Why did they complain?

“These...worked only one hour...” yet, you paid them the same as you paid us, “...who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.”

We worked longer, harder, and sweated more. These men only worked a little. If they were paid a denarius, we should have been paid more.

Isn't that fair?

consider the response; “...did we not agree?”

I gave you what you were due, that is fair. Do not worry about the others, that is no business of yours.

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Acts 2 : 37

“...what shall we do?”

Acts 9 : 6

“...what do You want me to do?”

Acts 16 : 30

“Sirs, what must I do...”

Consider what would be fair

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

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What must we do?

Acts 2; Acts 9; Acts 16

“Repent and... be baptized...”

Revelation 2 : 10

“...Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

What will we receive?

Acts 2; Acts 9; Acts 16

“...the remission of sins...the gift of the Holy Spirit...the promise...”

Our fare work is to be baptized and remain faithful; the fair wage is everlasting life.

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Is it because we deserve it?

Ephesians 2 : 8 – 9

It is a gift, not that we earned, but what is given to us.

Romans 4 : 1 – 4

What we do is not counted as “wage” but as debt.

Luke 17 : 5 – 10

“We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.”

Romans 12 : 1

“...which is your reasonable service.”