

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard...

**¹⁶ For many are called, but few chosen."
(Matt 20:1–16)**

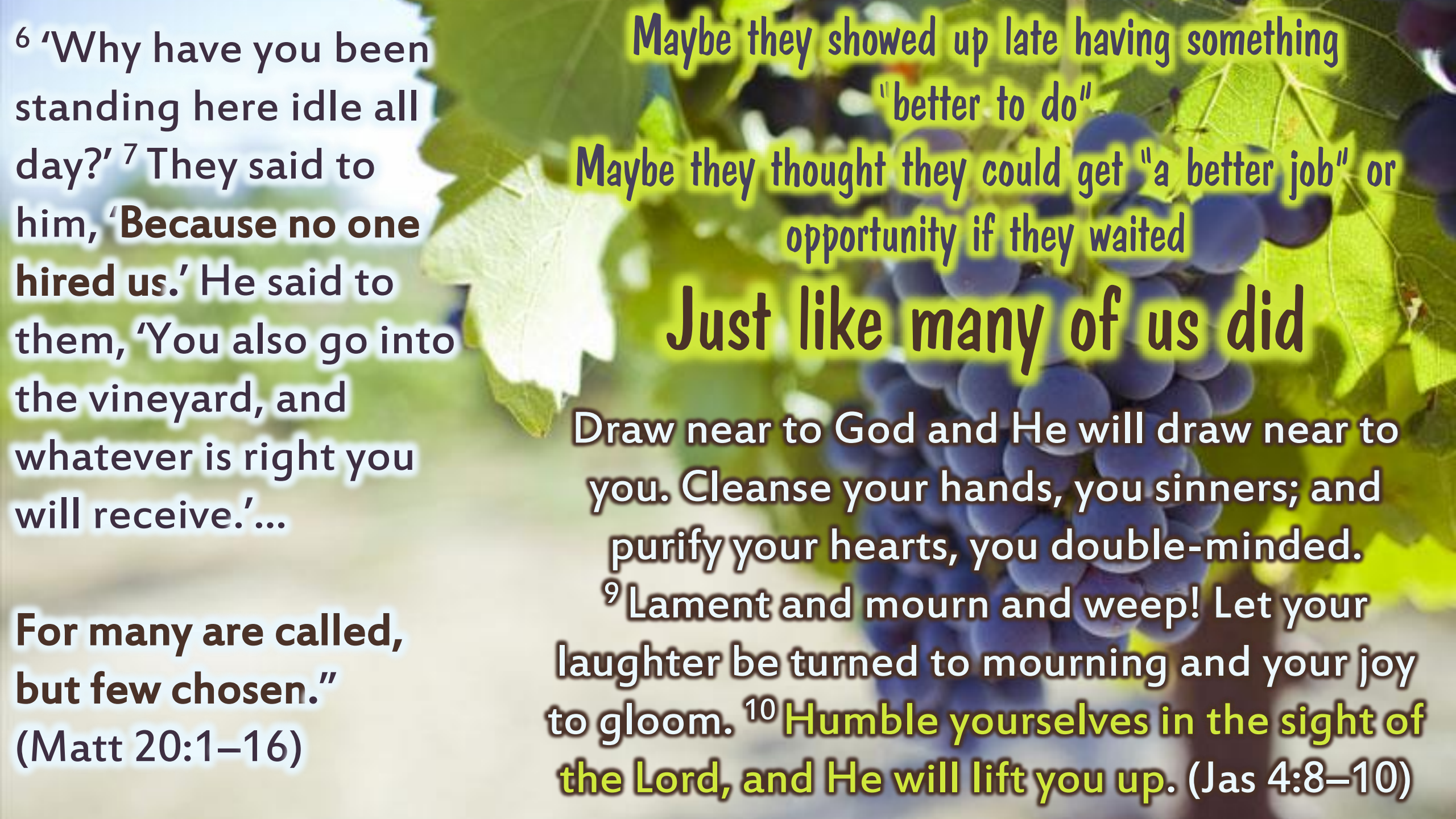
**We are the vineyard:
Isa 5:7, Lk 20:9-16, Jhn 15:1-8**

**We are also the workers:
Matt 9:37-38, Eph 4:11-12**

from whom the whole body, joined and held together by what every joint supplies, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

(Eph 4:16)

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them. (Eph 2:10)



⁶ 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.'...

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(Matt 20:1–16)

Maybe they showed up late having something
"better to do"
Maybe they thought they could get "a better job" or
opportunity if they waited

Just like many of us did

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

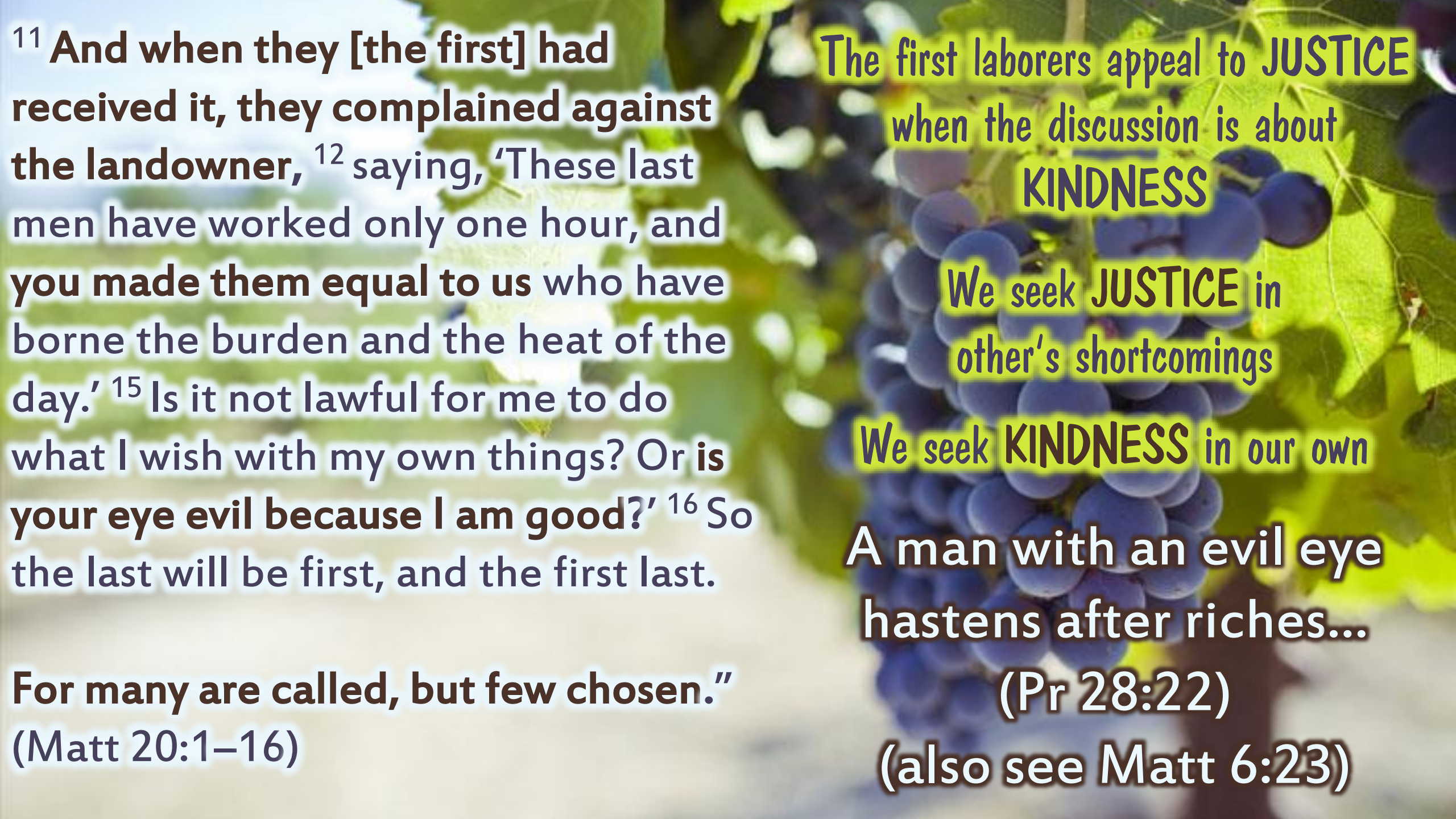
⁹ Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ **Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.** (Jas 4:8–10)

⁸ “So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.’...

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Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, **before the difficult days come**, and the years draw near when you say, “I have no pleasure in them”: ² **While the sun and the light, the moon and the stars, are not darkened...** (Eccl 12:1–2)

...scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.” ⁵ For this **they willfully forget**: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, (2 Pet 3:3–5)



¹¹ And when they [the first] had received it, they complained against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.' ¹⁵ Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.

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The first laborers appeal to **JUSTICE**
when the discussion is about
KINDNESS

We seek **JUSTICE** in
other's shortcomings

We seek **KINDNESS** in our own

A man with an evil eye
hastens after riches...

(Pr 28:22)

(also see Matt 6:23)