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# Matthew 19

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During the time of the Savior's mortal ministry, divorce was a vexing issue, debated without resolution among rabbis. For many people, divorce was justified even for trivial reasons. The Pharisees sought to involve Jesus in the controversy by asking His opinion about divorce.

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19 <sup>a</sup>Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt blove thy <sup>c</sup>neighbour as thyself.

20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?

21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be aperfect, go and sell that thou hast, and <sup>b</sup>give to the <sup>c</sup>poor, and thou shalt have dtreasure in heaven: and come and efollow me.

22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had <sup>a</sup>great possessions.

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28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the aregeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, bjudging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And every one that hath <sup>a</sup>forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my bname's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit <sup>c</sup>everlasting life.

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Jesus gives the parable of the laborers in the vineyard—He foretells His crucifixion and resurrection—He came to give His life as a ransom for many.

For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire alabourers into his vineyard.

2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his avineyard.

3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing aidle in the marketplace,

4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

6 And about the <sup>a</sup>eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

8 So when even was come, the lord

19a TG Family, Children, Duties of; Honoring Father and Mother.

D&C 6:7 (5-7).

b GR with difficulty.

24*a* Prov. 18:11.

26*a* JST Matt. 19:26 But Iesus beheld their thoughts, and said unto resurrection . . .

*b* Morm. 3:18 (18–20); D&C 29:12. TG Apostles;

Judgment, the Last. 29 a D&C 19:36.

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35*a* TG Forgive.

193a GR divorce.

4a TG Man, Physical Creation of.

5a TG Family, Love within;

Marriage, Celestial.

6a TG Marriage, Marry. b GR divide separate.

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9a TG Fornication.

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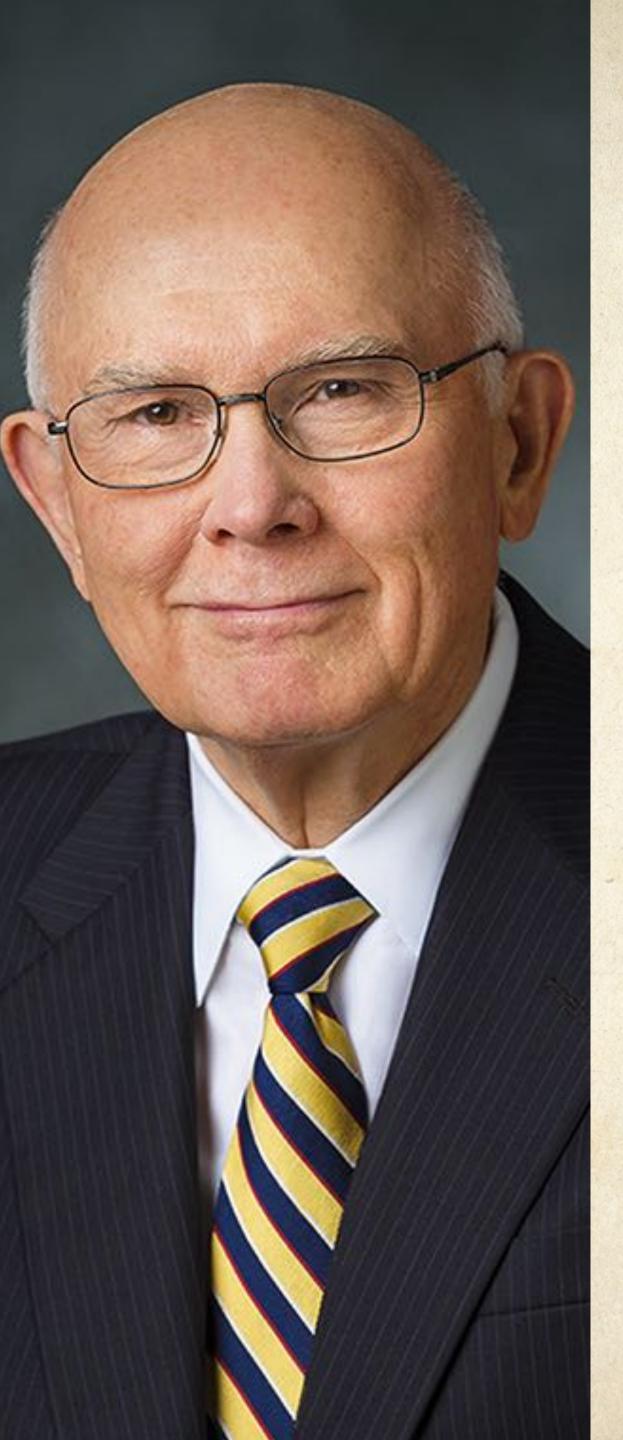
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Unfortunately, sometimes divorce is necessary. As President Gordon B. Hinckley explained, "There may be now and again a legitimate cause for divorce" ("What God Hath Joined Together," Apr 1991 GC, Ensign, May 1991, 74). While we should refrain from judging the decisions made by others, each of us can better prepare ourselves for a future marriage that will endure forever by trusting in Heavenly Father and His Son and learning to follow Them with all of our heart.

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# **English Standard Version Study Bible**

After hearing Jesus, nullify most of the current popular grounds for divorce, the disciples overreact and say, it is better not to marry (then to run the risk of a lifelong, unhappy marriage)... Jesus explains that what they have said is true, but only for those to whom it is given, namely, for eunuchs. this would include those without the capacity for sexual relations, either through a birth defect, or castration, and those who have chosen a life of abstinence. Celibacy is an acceptable alternative to marriage.

# Thomas Wayment's New Testament: A Translation for Latter-Day Saints

This is considered one of Jesus's hard sayings. Jesus may have been referring to the Essenes when he said that some have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Some Essenes had dedicated themselves to a life of celibacy in order to serve God. The saying may also be a general criticism of celibacy. A eunuch is a castrated male.

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Modern prophets and apostles, however, have clarified "that marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God and that the family is central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of His children. ... God's commandment for His children to multiply and replenish the earth remains in force" ("The Family: A Proclamation to the World," Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2010, 129).

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because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not alose his breward.

42 And whosoever shall <sup>a</sup>offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

43 <sup>a</sup>And if thy hand offend thee, bcut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into chell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

45 And if thy foot <sup>a</sup> offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:

48 Where their aworm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

49 For every one shall be asalted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.

50 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have apeace one with another.

### CHAPTER 10

Jesus teaches the higher law of marriage—He blesses little children—Jesus counsels the rich young man, foretells His own death, and heals blind Bartimæus.

AND he arose from thence, and cometh into the coasts of Judæa by the farther side of Jordan: and the people resort unto him again; and,

as he was wont, he taught them again.

2 ¶ And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him.

3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?

4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.

5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.

6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

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10 And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter.

11 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her.

12 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.

13 ¶ And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

14 But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little <sup>a</sup>children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little <sup>a</sup>child, he shall not enter therein.

16 And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and <sup>a</sup>blessed them.

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30 But he shall receive an ahundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

31 <sup>a</sup>But many that are <sup>b</sup>first shall be last; and the last first.

32 ¶ And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him,

33 Saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the <sup>a</sup>Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the bscribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles:

34 And they shall amock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit

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34*b* TG Jesus Christ, Resurrection.

16a 3 Ne. 17:21. TG Salvation of Little Children.

18*a* Ether 4:12 (11–12).

19a D&C 66:10.

b TG Murder.

c TG Stealing. d TG Fraud.

e TG Honoring Father and Mother.

21 a TG Charity; Generosity.

b TG Jesus Christ,

Exemplar. 24*a* Jacob 2:18 (17–19). b TG Treasure.

27*a* JST Mark 10:26... With men that trust in riches. it is impossible; but not impossible with men who trust in God and leave all for my sake, for with such all these things are possible.

b TG God, Power of. 30a TG Reward.

31 a JST Mark 10:30–31 But there are many who make themselves first, that shall be last, and the last first. This he said, rebuking Peter . . .

b Jacob 5:63; Ether 13:12 (10–12).

33 a TG Jesus Christ, Son of Man. b TG Scribe.

34a TG Mocking.

38 a TG Legue Christ

43 a JST Mark 9:40–48 (Appendix).

41 a Matt. 10:42; D&C 84:90.

48*a* Isa. 66:24; b TG Reward. 42a TG Offense. D&C 76:44. 49 a TG Salt. 50 a 1 Thes. 5:13.

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Work; Marriage, Marry. b TG Divorce.

9*a* TG Family, Eternal;

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As an additional note, in Matthew's version in Matt. 19:13, the JST tells us that the disciples rebuked those that brought children to be blessed by the Savior, did it because they said, *There is no need, for Jesus hath said, Such shall be saved.* 

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# Larry R. Lawrence

"I would like to suggest that each of you participate in a spiritual exercise sometime soon, perhaps even tonight while saying your prayers. Humbly ask the Lord the following question: "What is keeping me from progressing?" In other words: "What lack I yet?" Then wait quietly for a response. If you are sincere, the answer will soon become clear. It will be revelation intended just for you."

(Larry R. Lawrence, "What Lack I Yet?" Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2015, 35)

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This account shows the power of material possessions to obscure what should be our real goal in mortality. However, we are not told that the young man's decision was final—we do not know that he absolutely refused to comply with Jesus's instruction.

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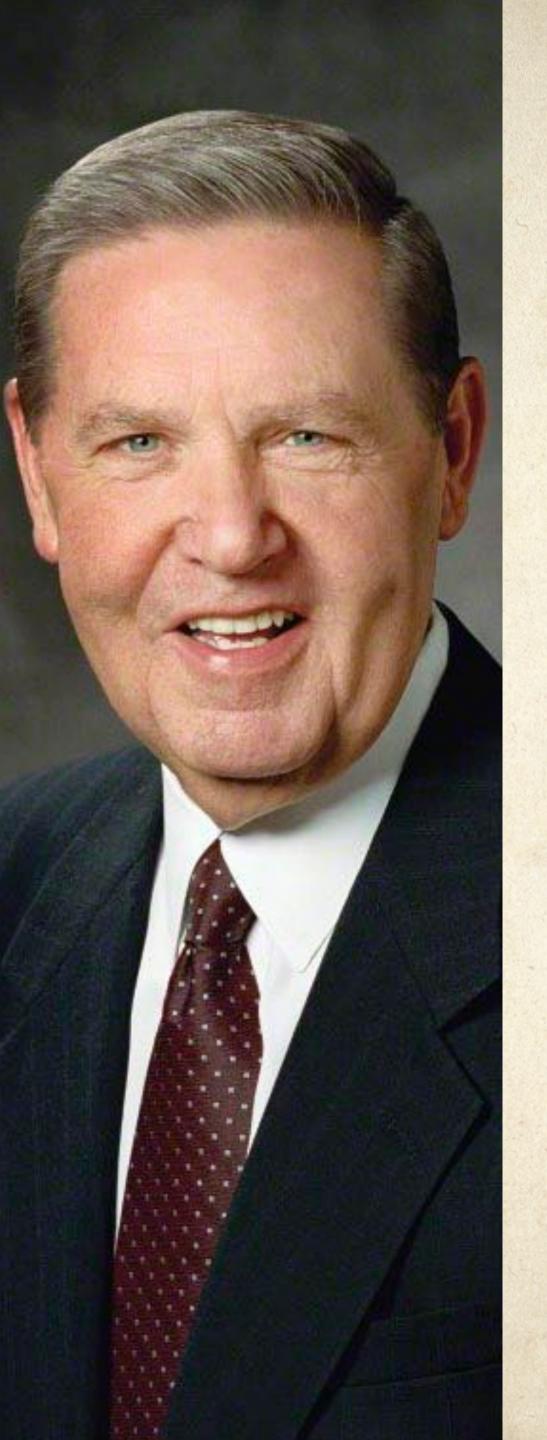
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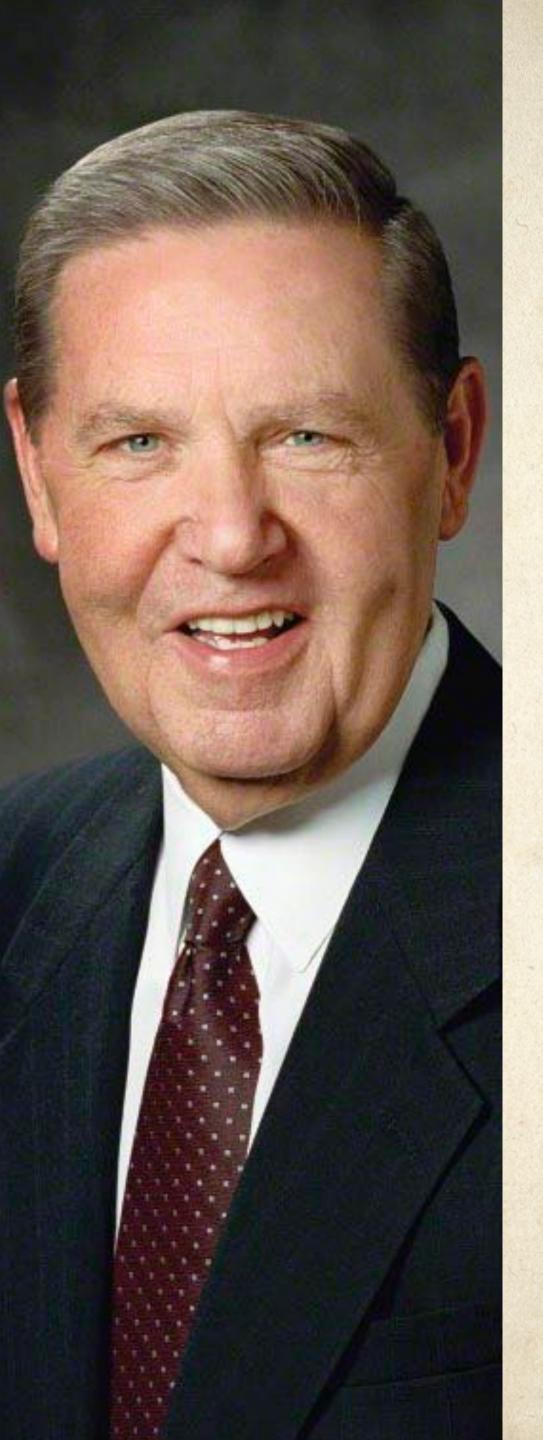
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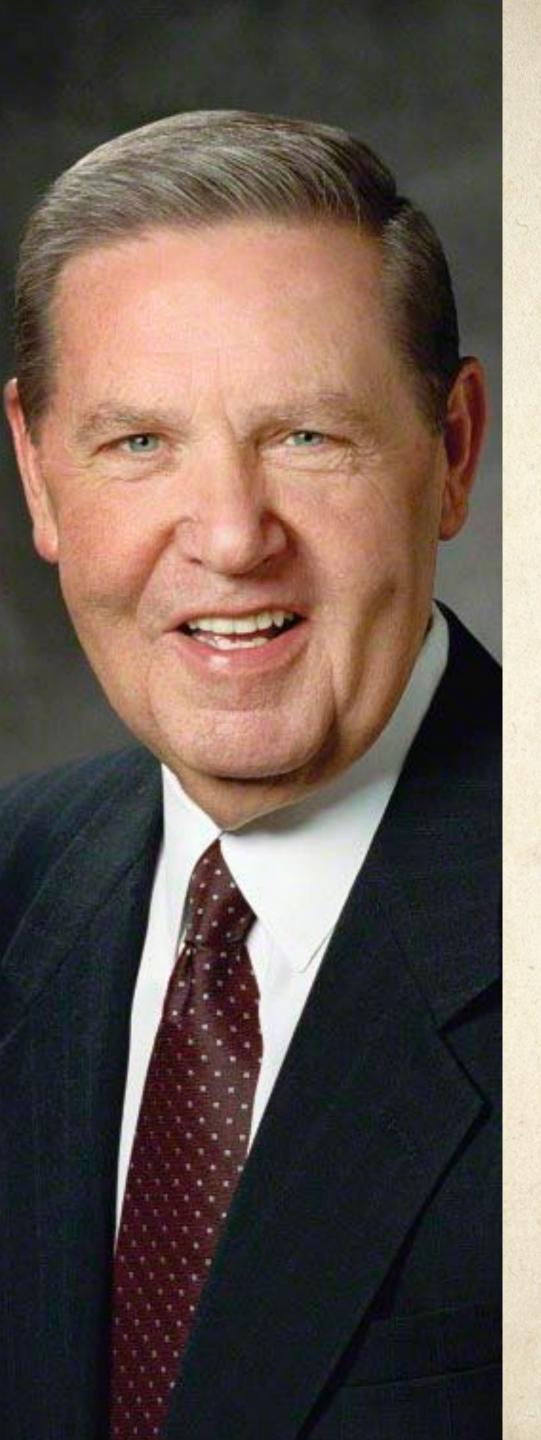
# Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

"Obviously, this is an important cautionary tale about the uses of wealth and the needs of the poor. But ultimately it is a story about wholehearted, unreserved devotion to divine responsibility. With or without riches, each of us is to come to Christ with the same uncompromised commitment to His gospel that was expected of this young man. In the vernacular of today's youth, we are to declare ourselves "all in."



# Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

In his characteristically memorable prose, C. S. Lewis imagines the Lord saying to us something like this: "I don't want ... your time ... [or] your money ... [or] your work [as much as] I [just] want You. [That tree you are pruning.] I don't want to cut off a branch here and a branch there, I want ... the whole [thing] down. [And that tooth.] I don't want to drill [it], or crown it, or [fill] it. [I want] to have it out. [In fact, I want you to] hand over [to me your] whole natural self. ... [And] I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you Myself: my ... will shall become [your will]."



# Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

When difficult things are asked of us, even things contrary to the longings of our heart, remember that the loyalty we pledge to the cause of Christ is to be the supreme devotion of our lives. Although Isaiah reassures us it is available "without money and without price"—and it is—we must be prepared, using T. S. Eliot's line, to have it cost "not less than everything.""

("The Great Possession", Oct 2021 GC)

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32 ¶ And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him,

33 Saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the <sup>a</sup>Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the <sup>b</sup>scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles:

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# **New Testament Institute Manual**

Some have asserted that the eye of the needle was a small door in the Jerusalem city wall, requiring a camel to be stripped of its load in order to enter. There is no evidence that such a door ever existed. Others have proposed that altering one letter in the Greek text would change the scripture to mean that a rope, not a camel, would have to pass through the eye of a needle. However, when Jesus Christ referred to a camel passing through the eye of a needle, it was likely an example of hyperbole, an intentional exaggeration to teach "that a rich man shall hardly [with difficulty] enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:23). The Joseph Smith Translation adds, "With men that trust in riches, it is impossible; but not impossible with men who trust in God and leave all for my sake, for with such all these things are possible" (Joseph Smith Translation, Mark 10:26 [in Mark 10:27, footnote a]).

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27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the <sup>a</sup>regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, <sup>b</sup>judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his avineyard.

3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing <sup>a</sup>idle in the marketplace,

4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

6 And about the <sup>a</sup>eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

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19 <sup>a</sup>Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt <sup>b</sup>love thy <sup>c</sup>neighbour as thyself.

20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?

21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be <sup>a</sup>perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and <sup>b</sup>give to the <sup>c</sup>poor, and thou shalt have <sup>d</sup>treasure in heaven: and come and <sup>e</sup>follow me.

22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had <sup>a</sup>great possessions.

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24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a <sup>a</sup>rich man to enter into the kingdom

29 And every one that hath <sup>a</sup>forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my <sup>b</sup>name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit <sup>c</sup>everlasting life.

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# CHAPTER 20

Jesus gives the parable of the laborers in the vineyard—He foretells His crucifixion and resurrection—He came to give His life as a ransom for many.

For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man *that* is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire <sup>a</sup>labourers into his vineyard.

2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his <sup>a</sup>vineyard.

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c D&C 42:21.

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30a D&C 132:55.

31 a 1 Ne. 11:33;

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2 And, behold, there was a man named Zacchæus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

things which were spoken. 35 ¶ And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging:

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36 And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. 37 And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.

38 And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. 39 And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold

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Lord, that I may receive my sight. 42 And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy asight: thy faith hath saved thee.

43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, aglorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

### CHAPTER 19

Jesus came to save souls—He gives the parable of the pounds—He rides in triumph into Jerusalem, weeps over the city, and cleanses the temple again.

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2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:

3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

6 And the Lord said, Hear what the aunjust judge saith.

7 And shall not God <sup>a</sup>avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with <sup>b</sup>them?

8 <sup>a</sup>I tell you that he will <sup>b</sup>avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

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Luke stated the main message of the parable of the importuning widow and unjust judge—"men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). The Greek word translated as "to faint" means to become discouraged or weary or to tire of something. In the parable, praying without giving up is represented by a widow who repeatedly appeals to a judge to remedy an injustice.

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Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles taught: "When lonely, cold, hard times come, we have to endure, we have to continue, we have to persist. That was the Savior's message in the parable of the importuning widow. ... Keep knocking on that door. Keep pleading. In the meantime, know that God hears your cries and knows your distress. He is your Father, and you are His child" ("Lessons from Liberty Jail," Ensign, Sept. 2009, 30). Perseverance is rooted in the foundational gospel principles of faith and hope. Perseverance reflects our faith that our actions will bring the Lord's blessings into our lives.

## Matthew 20

### CHAPTER 20

last; and the last shall be first.

Jesus gives the parable of the laborers in the vineyard—He foretells His crucifixion and resurrection—He came to give His life as a ransom for many. For the kingdom of heaven is like

which went out early in the morning to hire alabourers into his vineyard. 2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his avineyard.

unto a man that is an householder,

3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing aidle in the marketplace,

4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. 6 And about the <sup>a</sup>eleventh hour he

went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

8 So when even was come, the lord

resurrection . . .

D&C 29:12.

TG Apostles;

c TG Exaltation.

29a D&C 19:36.

b TG Name.

30 a D&C 29:30.

b Morm. 3:18 (18–20);

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c TG Jesus Christ,

23 a TG Godhead.

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b TG Wages.

16*a* Jacob 5:63.

20 ¶ Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. 21 And he said unto her, What wilt

thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. 22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye

know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my <sup>a</sup>Father.

24 And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. 25 But Jesus called them unto him,

and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be <sup>a</sup>great among you, let him be your <sup>b</sup>minister;

27 And whosoever awill be chief among you, let him be your <sup>b</sup>servant:

28 Even as the <sup>a</sup>Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to <sup>b</sup>give his life a <sup>c</sup>ransom for many.

29 And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed

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heard that Jesus passed by, cried

34 So Jesus had acompassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received <sup>b</sup>sight, and they followed him.

### CHAPTER 21

Jesus rides in triumph into Jerusalem— He cleanses the temple, curses the fig tree, and discusses authority—He gives the parables of the two sons and the wicked husbandmen.

AND when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,

2 Saying unto them, Go into the village aover against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.

3 And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy aKing cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

6 And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,

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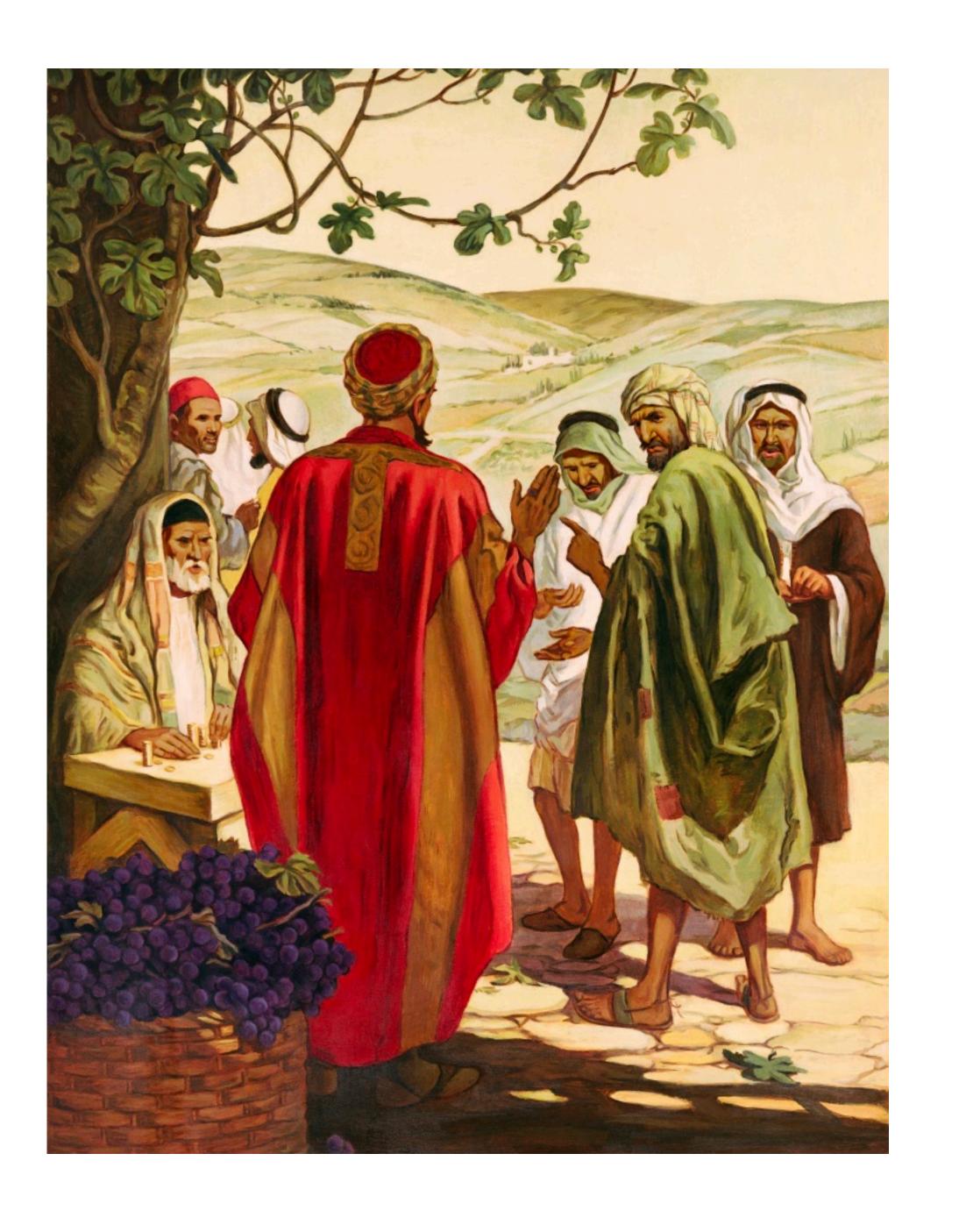
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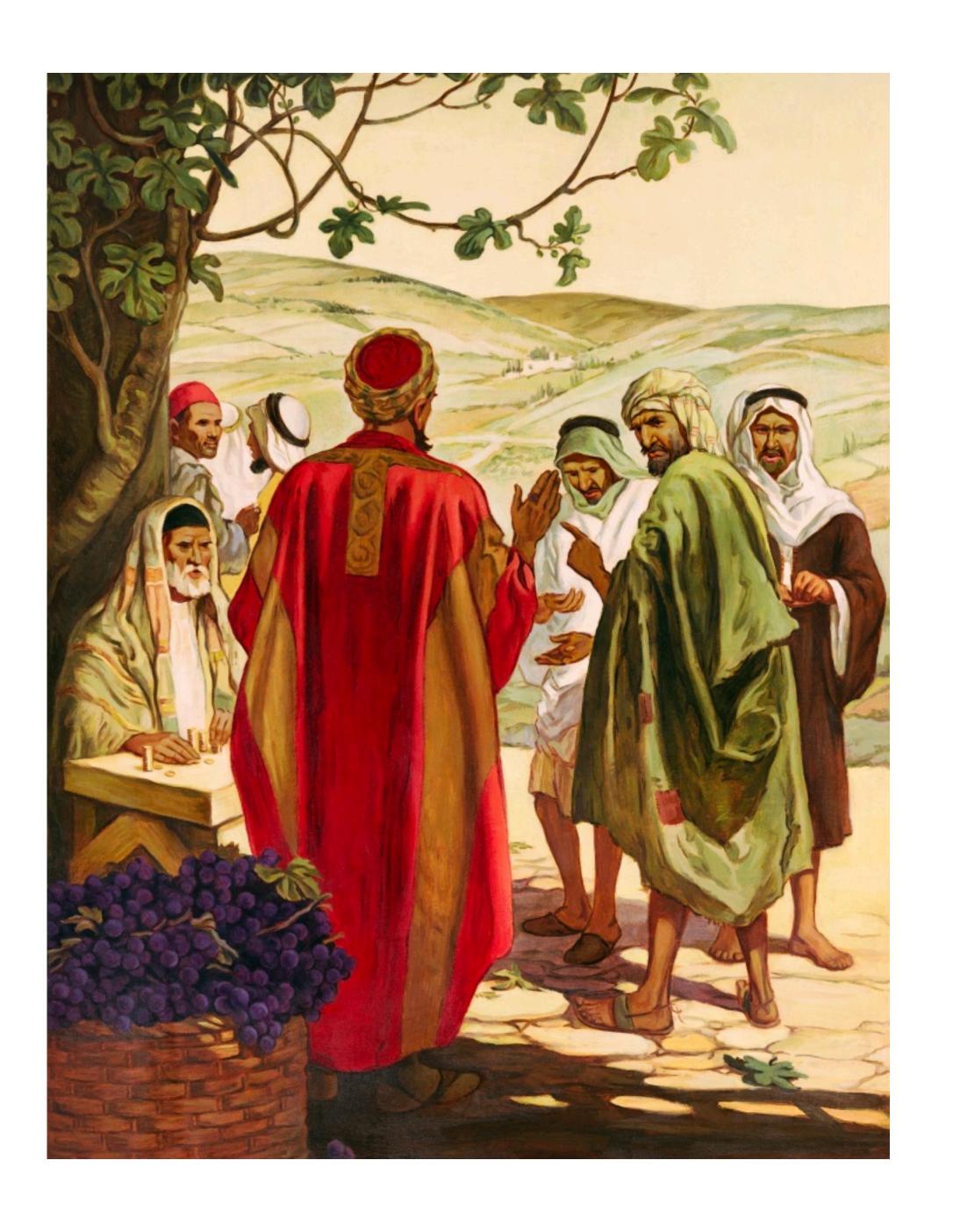
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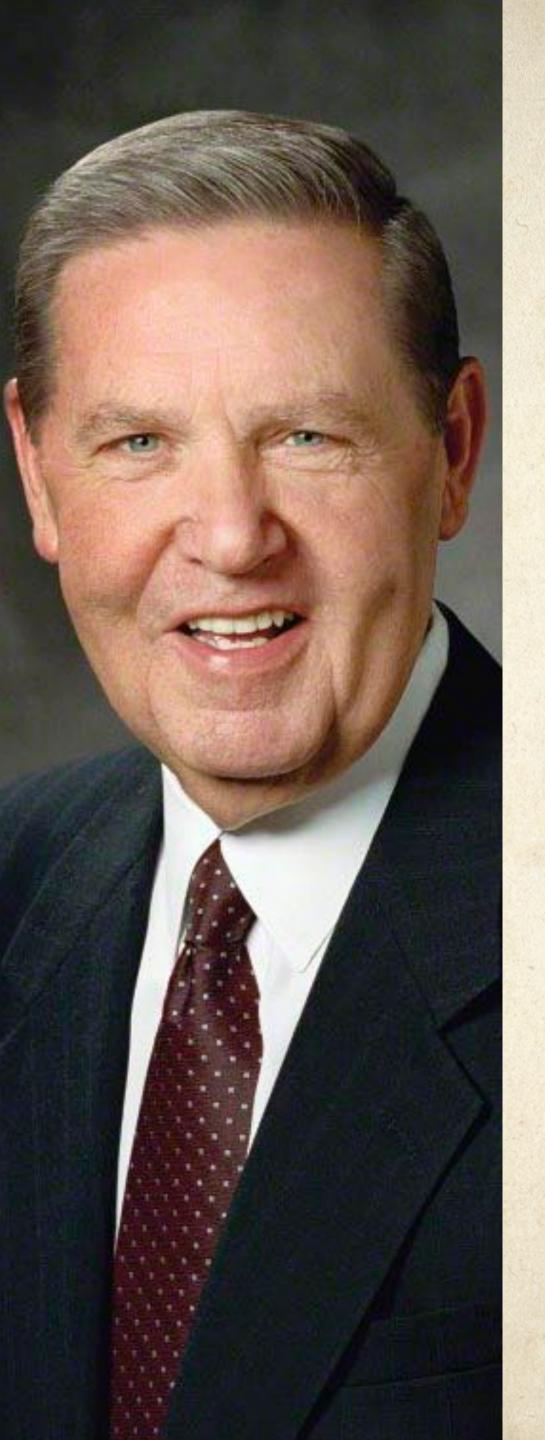
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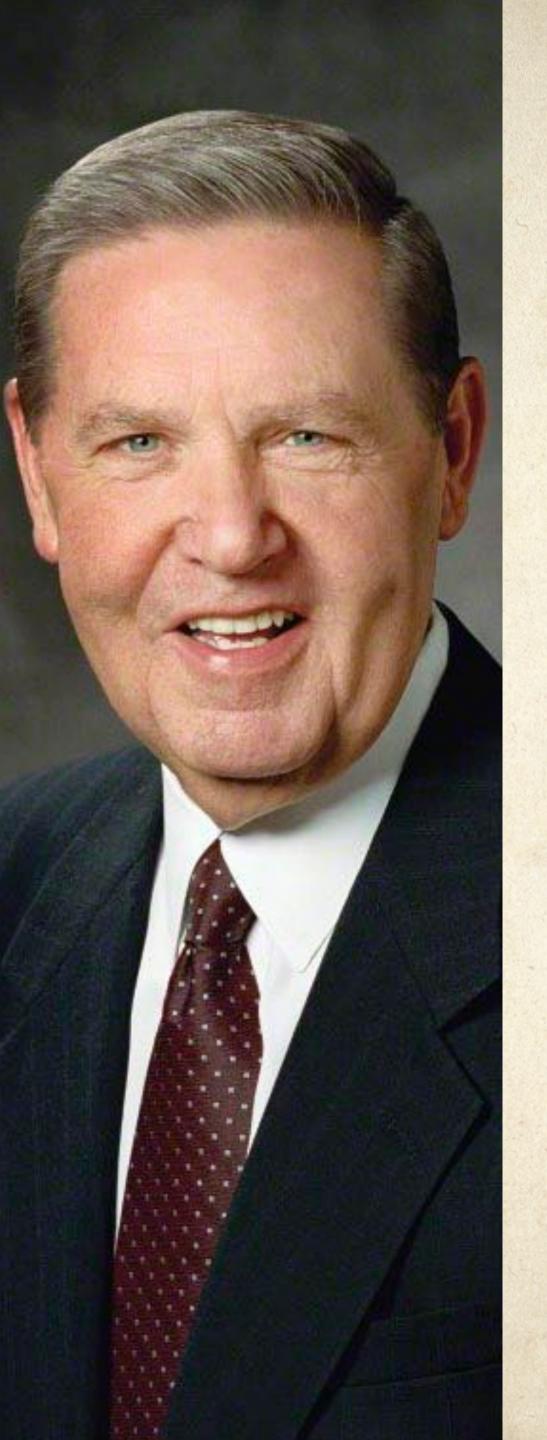
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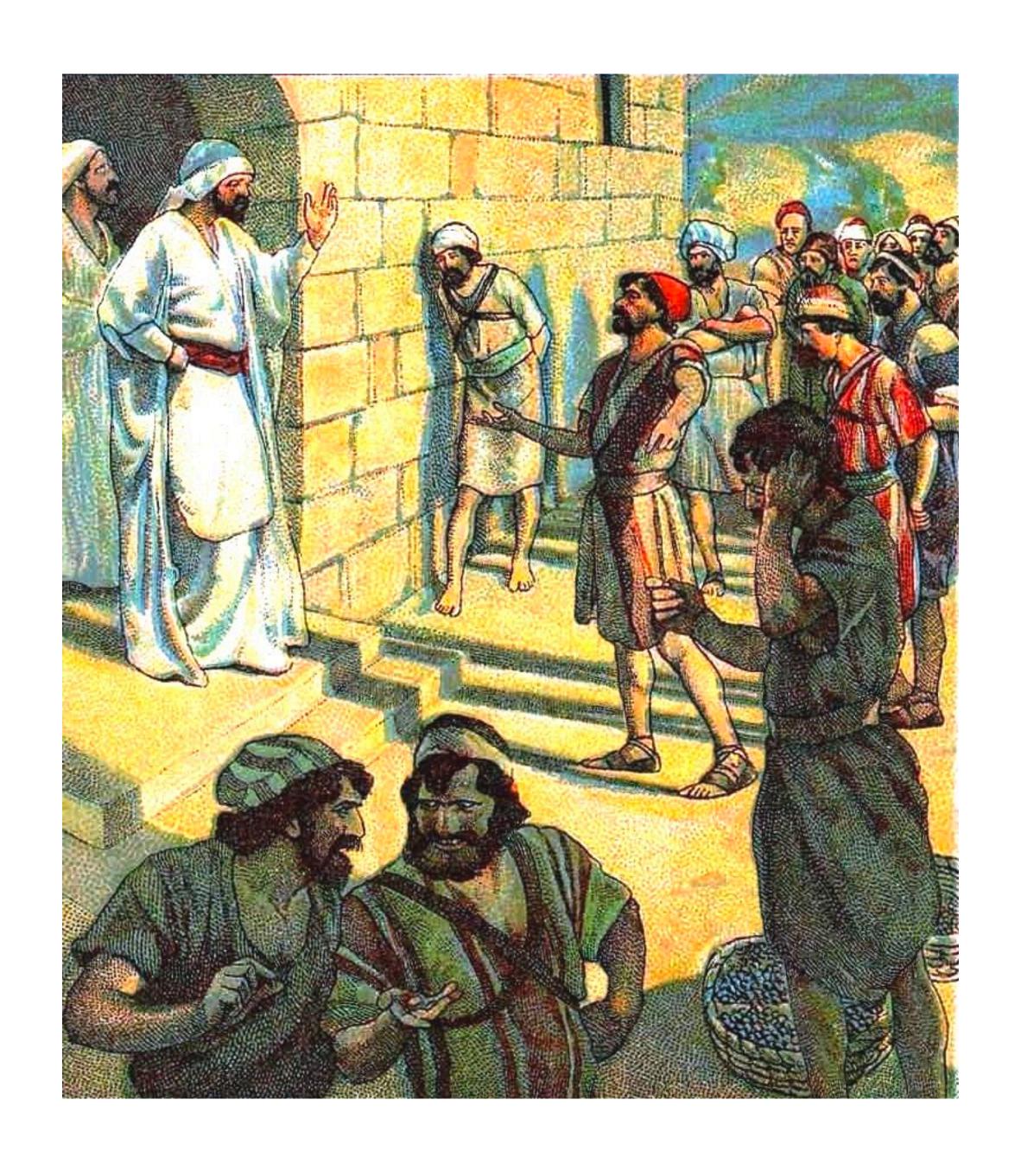


"There are going to be times in our lives when someone else gets an unexpected blessing or receives some special recognition. May I plead with us not to be hurt—and certainly not to feel envious —when good fortune comes to another person? We are not diminished when someone else is added upon. We are not in a race against each other to see who is the wealthiest or the most talented or the most beautiful or even the most blessed. The race we are really in is the race against sin. ...



"... Coveting, pouting, or tearing others down does not elevate your standing, nor does demeaning someone else improve your self-image. So be kind, and be grateful that God is kind. It is a happy way to live"

("The Laborers in the Vineyard," Apr. 2012 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2012, 31-32).



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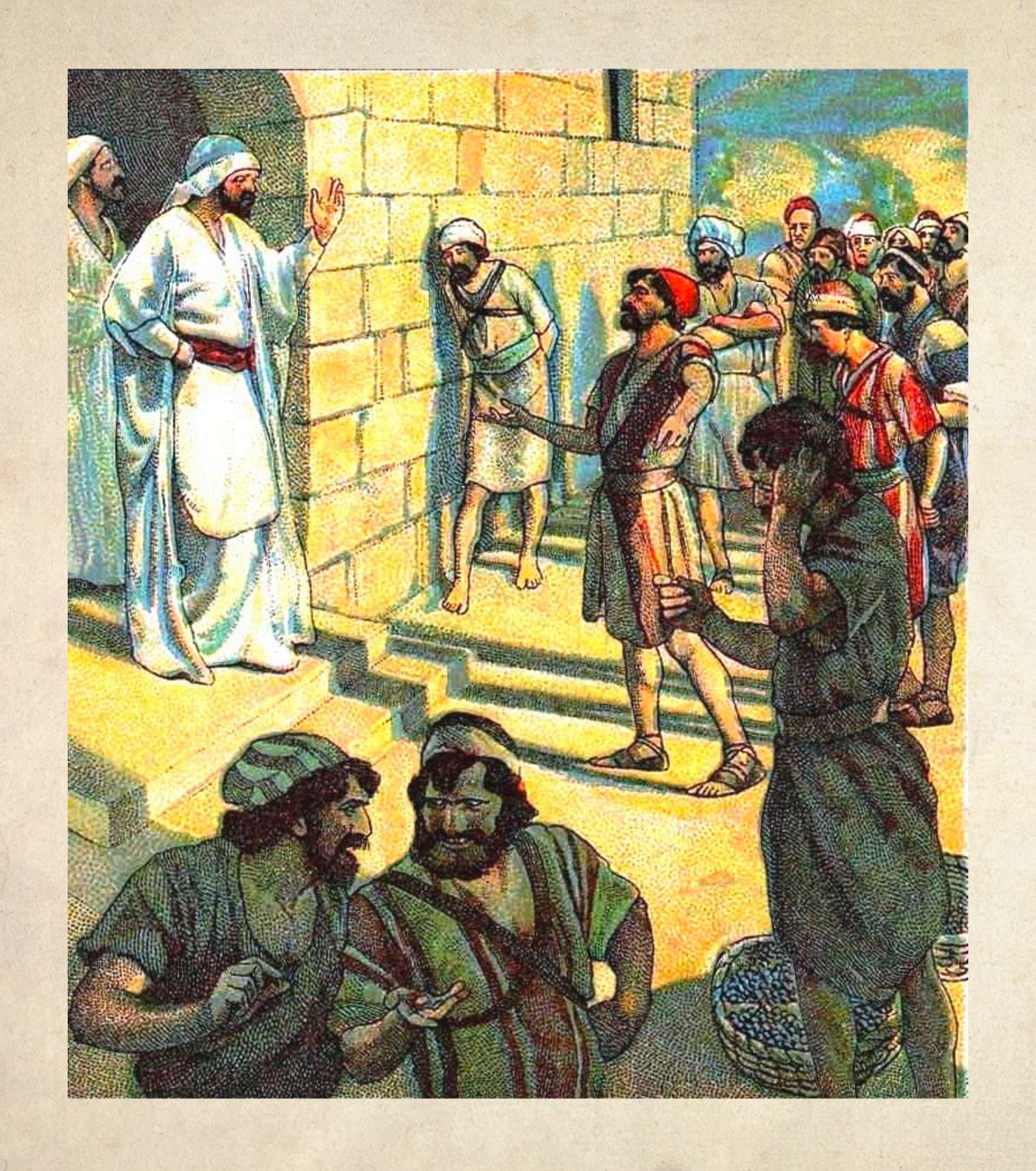
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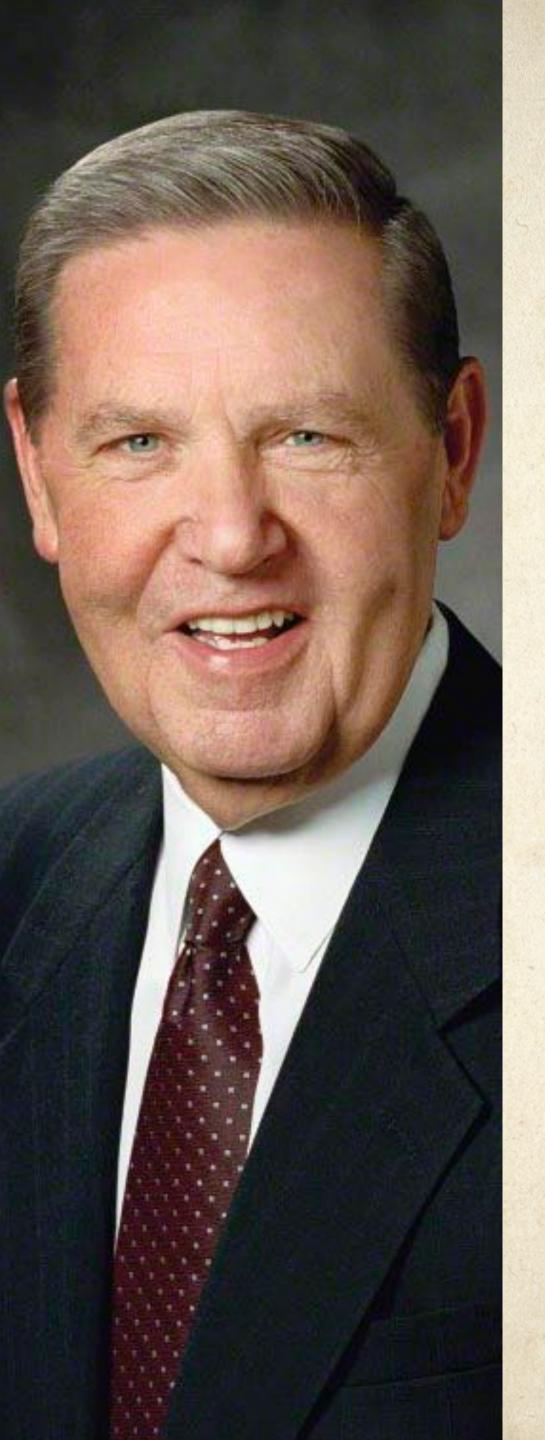
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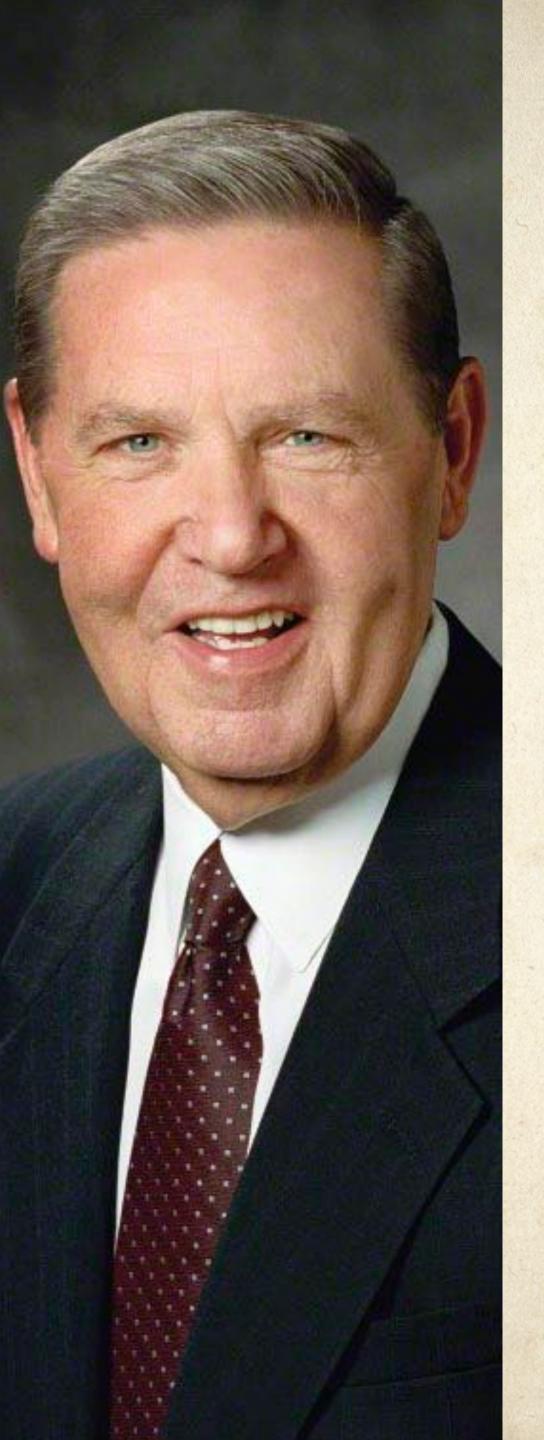


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One truth this parable illustrates is that whether people become disciples of Christ in their youth, in their young adulthood, in the later stages of life, or in some instances in the spirit world (see D&C 137:7-8), eternal life is the reward for all people who make and keep sacred covenants with the Lord (see D&C 76:95; 84:38; 88:107).

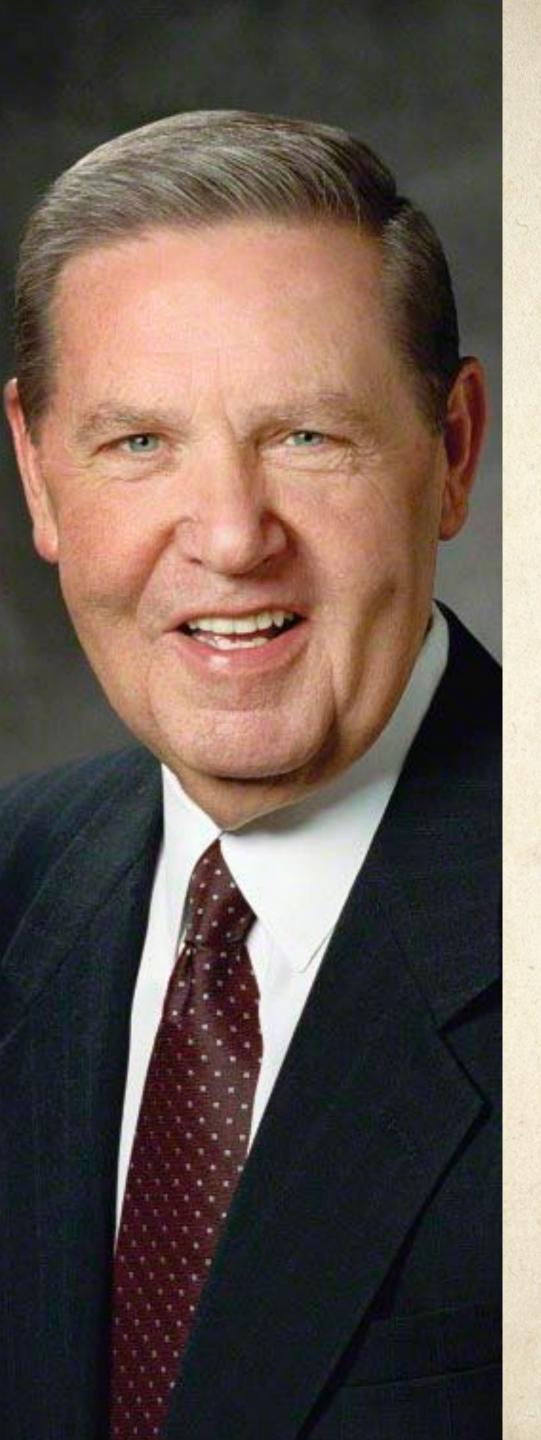


"This parable—like all parables—is not really about laborers or wages any more than the others are about sheep and goats. This is a story about God's goodness, His patience and forgiveness, and the Atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a story about generosity and compassion. It is a story about grace. It underscores the thought I heard many years ago that surely the thing God enjoys most about being God is the thrill of being merciful, especially to those who don't expect it and often feel they don't deserve it.



"... However late you think you are, however many chances you think you have missed, however many mistakes you feel you have made or talents you think you don't have, or however far from home and family and God you feel you have traveled, I testify that you have not traveled beyond the reach of divine love. It is not possible for you to sink lower than the infinite light of Christ's Atonement shines.

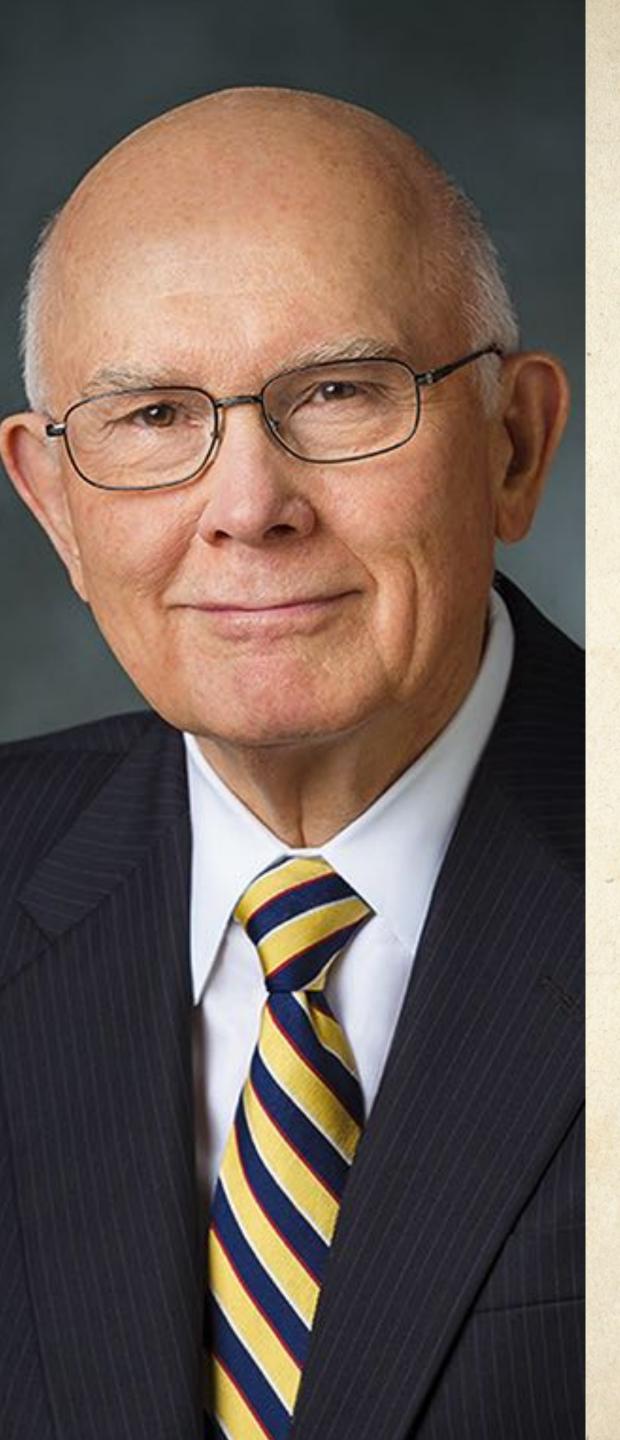
"... There is no dream that in the unfolding of time and eternity cannot yet be realized. Even if you feel you are the lost and last laborer of the eleventh hour, the Lord of the vineyard still stands beckoning.



"... His concern is for the faith at which you finally arrive, not the hour of the day in which you got there.

"So if you have made covenants, keep them. If you haven't made them, make them. If you have made them and broken them, repent and repair them. It is never too late so long as the Master of the vineyard says there is time."

("The Laborers in the Vineyard," Apr. 2012 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2012, 31-32).



## Elder Dallin H. Oaks

"Like other parables, this one can teach several different and valuable principles. For present purposes its lesson is that the Master's reward in the Final Judgment will not be based on how long we have labored in the vineyard. We do not obtain our heavenly reward by punching a time clock. What is essential is that our labors in the workplace of the Lord have caused us to become something. For some of us, this requires a longer time than for others. What is important in the end is what we have become by our labors."

("The Challenge to Become," Oct. 2000 GC, Ensign, Nov. 2000, 34).

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for of such is the kingdom of God. 17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein. 18 And a certain ruler asked him,

saying, Good Master, what shall I do

to inherit aeternal life? 19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is a good, save one, that is, God.

20 Thou knowest the command-

ments, Do not commit adultery, Do not bkill, Do not steal, Do not bear <sup>c</sup>false witness, <sup>d</sup>Honour thy father and thy mother.

21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. 22 Now when Jesus heard these

things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the apoor, and 12a Ex. 34:28. b D&C 42:79.

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22*a* Mosiah 4:26;

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D&C 101:42; 124:114.

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16a Moro. 8:19 (10-26).

13 a Alma 38:14 (13–14).

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very sorrowful: for he was very rich. 24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches

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25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. 26 And they that heard it said, Who

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27 <sup>a</sup>And he said, The things which are impossible with men are bpossible with God.

28 Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee. 29 And he said unto them, Verily

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30a D&C 132:55.

31 a 1 Ne. 11:33;

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CHAPTER 19

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Luke stated that the Savior addressed the parable of the Pharisee and the publican to people who "trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others" (Luke 18:9). The parable probably surprised those who heard it, for Pharisees were generally admired and regarded as very obedient to the law, though Jesus had rebuked them for hypocrisy. Publicans, however, were tax collectors and were hated, shunned, and seen as corrupt. Though they were often grouped with harlots and sinners, many were receptive to Jesus's teaching (see Matthew 21:31–32; Mark 2:15–16; Luke 15:1).

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The four Gospels record no instance of Jesus being critical of those who were willing to listen, to be taught, and to change their lives for good. To the self-righteous, proud, or hypocritical, however, He was often fearless and unyielding in His denunciation of their behavior, as He was in this parable. The Savior stated the moral of the parable in terms of pride and humility: "For every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 18:14; see also D&C 52:15).

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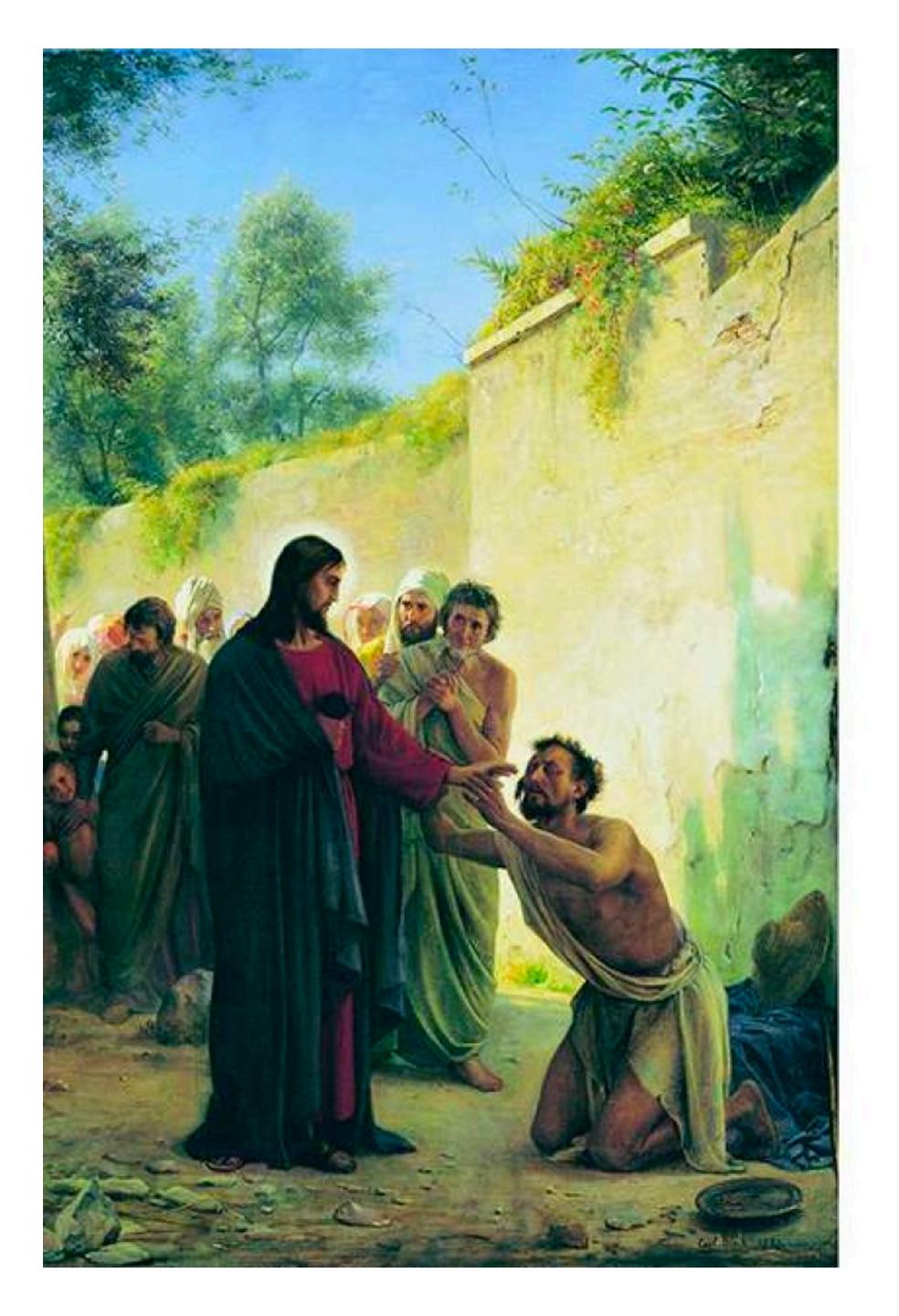
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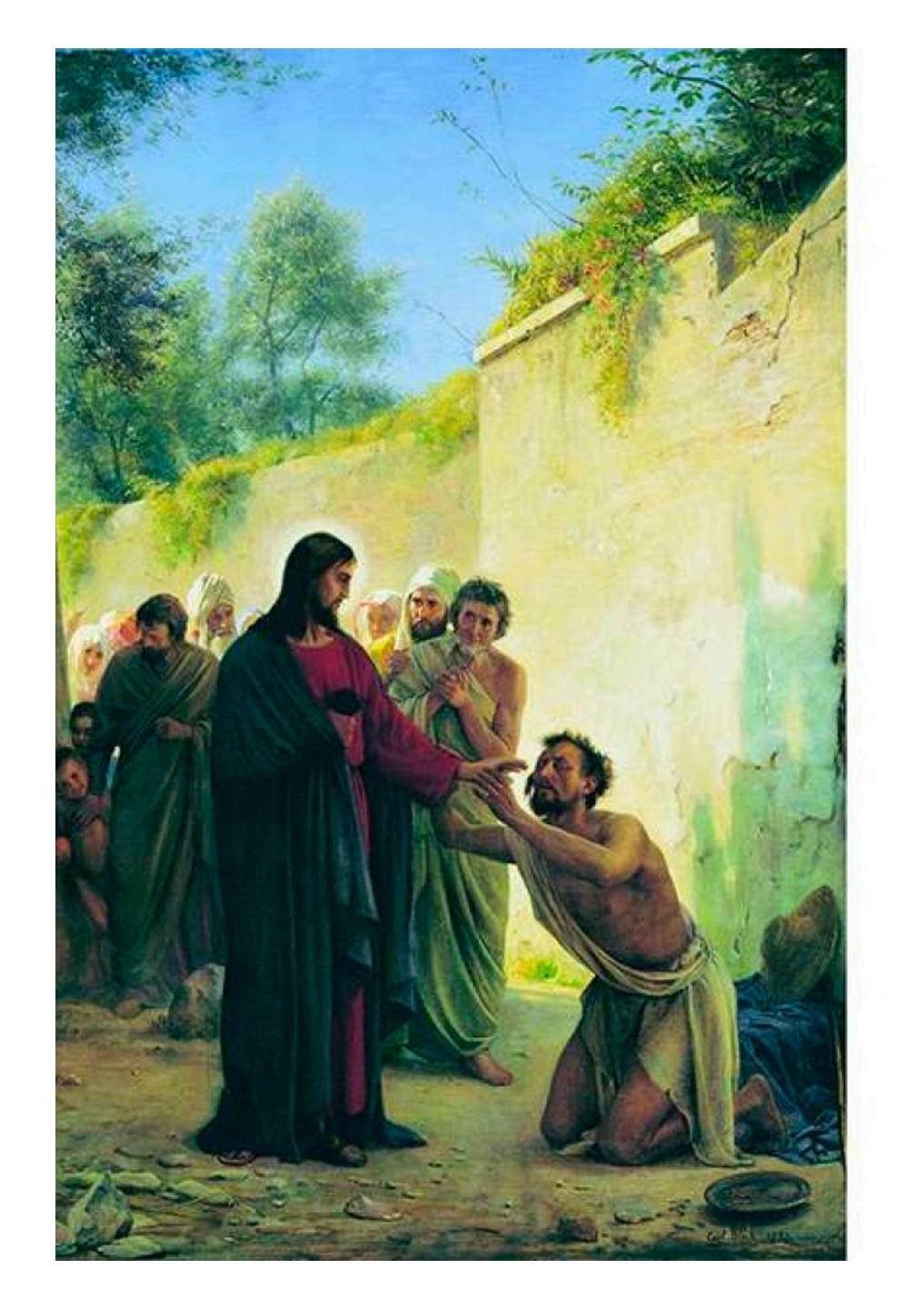
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