



## MEDITATION WDP 2017

The owner picked up his workmen at the break of day. He negotiated that he would pay them one denarius for a day's work in his vineyard. He passed the market place several times in the day picking up more and more workers each time. 'You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage,' Matt 20. 4. At the end of the day, he paid them ALL the same – one denarius.

WHAT! ALL THE SAME, ONE DENARIUS?

What did the union think of that? There was anger, envy and cries of injustice. Some had worked ALL day!

Ah! The question Jesus asks is, HOW ARE WE EQUAL? WHAT IS OUR TRUE EQUALITY? He is a very clever that Jesus. He presents a conundrum that shakes us to the very roots of our being.

The values of the Kingdom are not those of the outside World. Our value is not about what we have done or who we are in this World. What a difficult lesson!

The Unconditional Love of God makes no distinctions between us. ALL are included. When we have entered into relationship with God, when we are on the journey . . . there is no measure to God's Love or acceptance. CAN YOU MEASURE LOVE? Can you love a little, or a lot? How can you love one child more than another? Maybe love differently?

In my relationship with God what am I called on to do to earn my denarius? Is it the same as you, my brother/sister?

Should I envy your load? Is it less or more than mine?

How can it be? When I am called into relationship with God, I am filled. I am satisfied. There is no measure. There is no lack. What else can I desire? Isaiah 43.1: I have called you by your name, you are mine.

In God's love I am full, complete. There is no lack.

When I fulfil my part of the contract with God, I am at one in myself, complete, and nothing external can take away that fullness. It is a state of grace, not a place of lack.

When I feel lack, I become victim to injustice. I become unjust to others. I cannot value and accept their difference. When I compare them with myself, all is incomplete and worldly. I am out of the Light of Spirit and in the Dark, and not living to my fullness. In a place of lack I am false. Grief, envy, fear, all come out of the Dark to make me small and make me believe in separation. Yet the sense of fullness is available to all who engage their potential as Children of the Light. I can choose to work in the vineyard. In the Covenant, I am an active participant in seeking the fullness that creates joy and justice, and love.