

The Hire of the Laborers
James 5: 4; Deuteronomy 24:15

The Lord's laborers in his field are his faithful witnesses, pastors and brethren alike (Matthew 9: 37-38). We plant and water with the word of the gospel while our Husbandman gives the increase. We are not hirelings working for a wage; we are willing bond-servants. But like the laborer reaping down the fields, we are poor and our hearts are set upon one thing--Christ our Treasure. Job was God's laborer but his friends came as rich, masters holding back the Word of comfort which Job's heart desired most (Isaiah 3:10). Yet, Job's cries came up to the LORD of Sabaoth (Job 42:7). The LORD of Sabaoth means God our Savior, in the person of Jesus Christ, is commander-in-chief of all creatures, all angels, all men, all thunder and lightning, all beasts of the field, even all diseases and plagues. Believer, this is the LORD who will contend for you against your oppressors. And this is the LORD who is able to make the gospel we preach effectual in the hearts of our erring brethren--giving the poor erring brother or sister Christ the Treasure they desire and need most.