

Series: Kingdom Parables

Title: Sorting and Separating

Text: (Matt 13:47-50)

**8 Total: 4 Public - From the Bow of a boat.
 4 Private - In the house for the Disciples**

The Sower: - Matt 13:3-23

Wheat & Tares: - Matt 13:24-43

Mustard Seed: - Matt 13:31-32

Leaven & Loaves: - Matt 13:33

The Hidden Treasure: - Matt 13:44

The Pearl of Great Price: - Matt 13:45-46

The Dragnet: - Matt 13:47-50

The Householder: - Matt 13:52

The Parables are Couplets:

Little & Large: (Vs 31-32) - Leaven & Loaves: (33)

Hidden Treasure: (Vs 44-46)- Pearl of Great Price:

Sowing Seed (Vs 3-23) - Householder (Vs 52)

Wheat & Tares: Vs 24-30 - Dragnet: (Vs 47-50)

***Parable~ Comparison* (ie. to lay along side)**

Earthly story with a Heavenly Meaning:

(Vs 11) Parables Explain the Mysteries of God.

Sacred Secrets of The Master's Mysteries

Wheat & Tares: (Matt 13:24-30) explained Vs 37-43.

The Dragnet: (Matt 13:47-50)

Both are given a future date by Jesus:

(vs 40) "*in the end of this world.*"

(vs 49) "*at the end of the world*"

These Parables focus on The Divine Calendar Event.

The Old Timers referred to it as: Judgement Day

These parables do not appeal to some, because

Judgement is not a tolerable subject.

Especially for those living in sin.

Both Parables show the *Good & Bad*, side by side at 1st, then Divided.

(Vs 30) - (Vs 47)

Both describe the work of the angels to separate the 2.

(Vs 41) - (Vs 49)

Both describe the destruction of the wicked.

(Vs 30, 42) - (Vs 50)

Both describe the Church of Jesus as having both:

Good & Evil mingled together with a day of separation set in the future.

(Matt 13:47-48) *Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.*”

“A Net that was cast” Singular - Gospel

The NET speaks of the Sweep of the Gospel.
None so Deep it can't reach.
Even All the way to the bottom.

(Acts 10:34-35) *“God is no respecter of persons”*
(Rom 1:16) *“The Jew first & also the Greek”*
(1 Tim 4:10) *“we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe”*

(Rev 5:9b) *... for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*

“Cast into the sea” - The Mass of Humanity.

(Is 57:20-21) (Dan 7:3) (Rev 13:1)
(Rev 17:15) *The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.*

“gathered of every kind” - both the Good & the Bad.
Of The Good:

(Is 40:11) *“He shall gather His lambs.”*
(Is 54:7) *“With great mercies have I gathered thee.”*

(Ps 50:5) *“Gather my saints together unto me;”*

God will gather the Bad too:

(Ps 26:9) *“Gather not my soul with sinners”*
(John 15:6) *“gather them, ... and they are burned.”*
(Joel 3:2) *“I will also gather all nations”*

“when it was full,”

This is not about a successful catch, But a Divine Calendar Event.

We see this mentioned in Scripture.

(Rom 11:25) *For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*

(Eph 1:10) *That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:*

Mankind has a habit of ignoring the truth that there will be a completion of time and a day of reckoning is on The Divine Calendar & is Unavoidable.

(Rom 14:11-12) *For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*

(2 Pet 3:3-7) Scoffers

To the Scoffers, Christ's coming will be a surprise.

(2 Pet 3:10) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

There is more emphasis on the damnation of the sinner in this parable, than any other feature.

Illus: This referred to as the "Terrible Parable".

The Angels will do the sorting!

(Matt 13:40-42) As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

(Matt 13:49-50) So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Thus, this is a parable of the Judgement to Come.

"gathered the good into vessels,"

At the Return of Jesus,
He will take unto Himself the Good Fish/Wheat.
He will leave behind the Bad Fish/Tares.

(1 Thes 4:16-17)

7 years later, Jesus Will Return as King of Kings:
"cast the bad away."

He will Cast the Bad Fish/Tares away.

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(Rev 20:11-15)

The One Question we have yet to answer is...

Who is the Fisherman casting the Net? JESUS!

(Matt 13:47) "the kingdom of heaven is like unto a Net that was cast" -

Jesus is the Sower: Vs 3 & 37

Jesus is the Man searching for Treasure: Vs 44

Jesus is the Merchant seeking Goodly Pearls: vs 45

Jesus is the Fisherman casting the Net: Vs 47

(John 12:32) "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me" Jesus casts the Net.

(Luke 4:18) *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;*

Remember: Jesus was talking to His disciples privately...

Many of them were fisherman.

(Mark 1:16) *“Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.”*

They totally got it!

(Matt 13:51) *Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.*

Jesus used Illustrations that they were familiar with.

He told them they would be Fisher’s of Men:

(Mark 1:17) *“Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.”*

(Luke 5:10) *Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.*

Jesus Gave This Commission to His Church:

(John 20:21) *Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*

(Mark 16:15) *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

(Matt 28:28-30)

This is the Obligation of every person who has experienced the saving power of God.

We have been lifted out of our Sea of Sin, we are privileged with the task of leading others to the Rescue of Jesus!

All those Forgiven are Fishers!

Whether Obedient /Disobedient; Its up to us to choose

These private parables help instruct us as Christians.

The Kingdom is precious, it’s worth sacrificing our worldly comforts, possessions, and wealth to advance.

The Kingdom is precious because Christ came looking for us; and having sacrificed all for us.

(Give the Gospel)

This is the only way to avoid the judgement to come.