



Kingdom Parables



Matthew 13

Session 02

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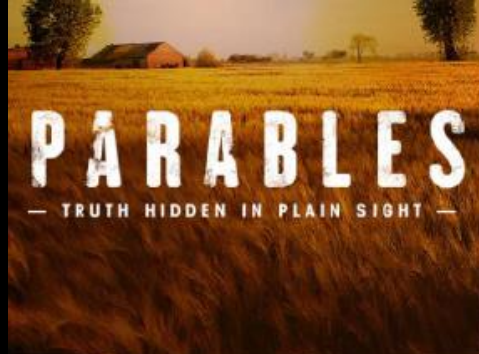
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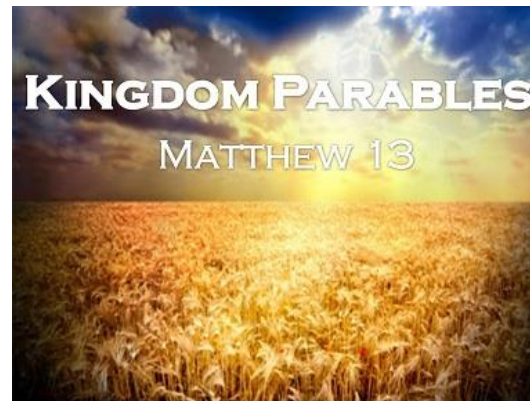
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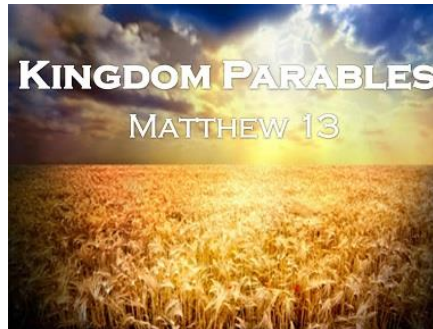
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Parable #2: Tares and Wheat - OBSERVATIONS

• Parable

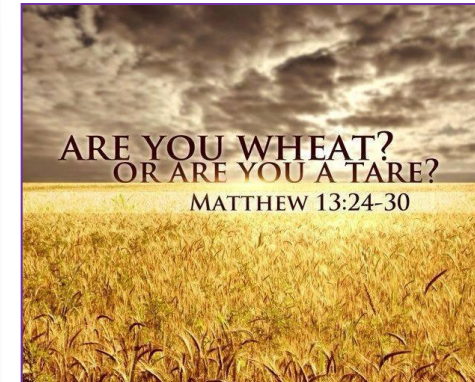
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TARES & WHEAT	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE
PARABLE	13:24-30	4:26-29	---
EXPLANATION	13:36-43	---	---

THE TARES AND THE WHEAT PARABLE

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--- Matthew 13:24-30 ... NKJV



Parable #2: Tares and Wheat - OBSERVATIONS

- The Kingdom of Heaven is like...
 - A man who sowed good seed in his field

PARABLE OF THE TARES AND WHEAT - IN A NUT SHELL

STORY LINE	Observation
A man sows "good" seed in his field	Nothing wrong with the seed
While men slept	At night, when no one was watching the field
His enemy comes and sows tares among the wheat	Apparently the "good" seed here is wheat
Over time the grain sprouts	Wheat is growing - soil is good
A crop is produced	Wheat is now ready for harvest
Now the tares appear	Upon inspection of the wheat the presence of the tares is uncovered

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--- Matthew 13:24-26 ... NKJV

Parable #2: Tares and Wheat - OBSERVATIONS

PARABLE OF THE TARES AND WHEAT - IN A NUT SHELL

STORY LINE	Observation
The owner of the field's servants approach the owner	Owner and the sower are the same
Servants question the owner	Servants are gathering the facts
"Did you not sow good seed? Why are there tares in the field?"	Is there something wrong with the seed? Did your seed have tares in it?
Owner answers - "An enemy has done this."	The seed that was sown was "good". An enemy is the cause of the tares.
Servants ask - "Do you want us to remove the tares from among the wheat?"	The servants proposed solution to the tares problem is to remove the tares from among the wheat now.

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--- Matthew 13:27-28 ... NKJV

Parable #2: Tares and Wheat - OBSERVATIONS

PARABLE OF THE TARES AND WHEAT - IN A NUT SHELL

STORY LINE	Observation
Owner replies - "No. If you remove the tares you will also uproot the wheat."	Owner rejects the servants proposed solution to remove the tares among the wheat now.
"Let the grow together until harvest."	Owner gives his solution to the tares among the wheat problem - wait until the harvest.
At harvest ... The owner will instruct the reapers to first gather the tares, bind them in bundles, to burn them.	The owner directs the reapers to 1. Gather the tares 2. Bind the tares in bundles to burn Instruction is not given to the reapers to burn but to bundle for burning.
The wheat is gathered into the owner's barn.	Contrast the tares and the wheat. Tares are gathered, bound and burned Wheat is gathered for the barn.

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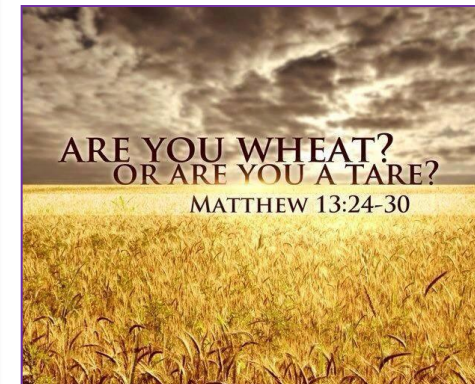
--- Matthew 13:29-30 ... NKJV

Parable #2: Tares and Wheat - OBSERVATIONS

THE TARES AND THE WHEAT PARABLE -- CHRIST EXPLAINS --

³⁷ He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked *one*. ³⁹ The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. ⁴⁰ Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, ⁴² and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

--- Matthew 13:36-43 ... NKJV



Parable #2: Tares and Wheat - OBSERVATIONS

- Parable Interpretation

PARABLE OF THE TARES AND WHEAT - EXPLAINED

ELEMENTS	Explanation
Owner or Sower of the Seed	Son of Man (Jesus)
Owner's Field	The World
Good Seeds (Wheat)	The Sons of the Kingdom
Tares	The Sons of the Wicked One
Enemy Who Sowed the Tares	The Devil - "slanderer" in Greek (Satan - "adversary" in Hebrew)
Harvest	The End of the Age
Reapers	The Angels (Holy Angels)



The Wheat and Tare

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--- Matthew 13:37-39 ... NKJV

Parable #2: Tares and Wheat - OBSERVATIONS

PARABLE OF THE TARES AND WHEAT - EXPLAINED

ELEMENTS	Explanation
Tares gathered and burned in the fire	<p>At the End of the Age</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Son of Man (Jesus) will Send out His Angels • They will gather out of His Kingdom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All things that offend • All those who practice lawlessness • They will be cast into the furnace of fire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be wailing • There will be gnashing of teeth

TARES

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--- Matthew 13:40-42 ... NKJV



The Wheat and Tare

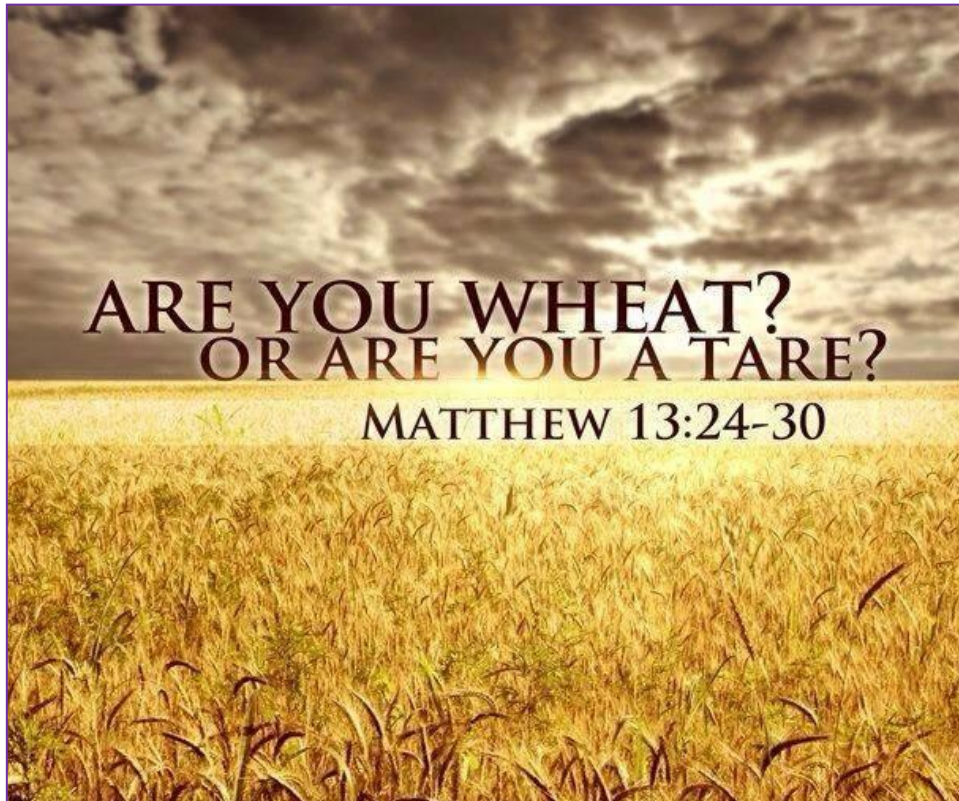
Parable #2: Tares and Wheat - OBSERVATIONS

PARABLE OF THE TARES AND WHEAT - EXPLAINED

ELEMENTS	Explanation
Wheat gathered into the owner's barn	<p>At the End of the Age</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The righteous will shine as the sun • In the kingdom of their Father

43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

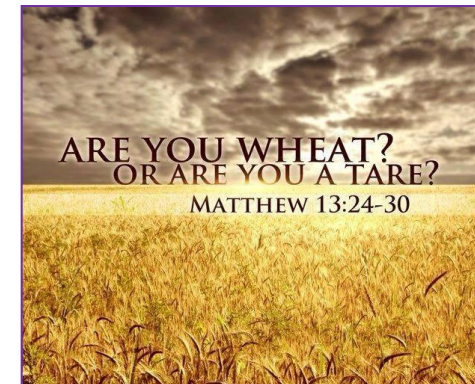
--- Matthew 13:43 ... NKJV



Parable #2: Tares and Wheat - OBSERVATIONS

• Parable Key Point(s)

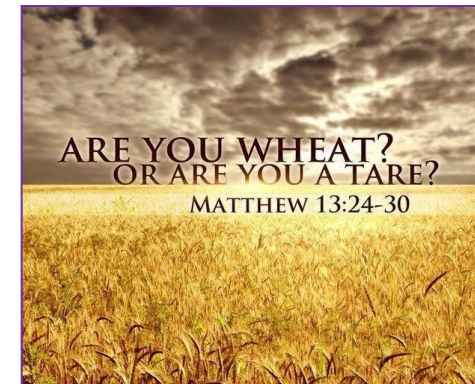
- This parable describes the work of an enemy who tried to destroy the work of the man who sowed good seed in his field.
- The enemy's purpose in sowing tares among the wheat was to destroy the wheat.
- The owner would not allow the enemy to succeed.
- The owner decided to sort it out at harvest time.
 - This parable clearly describes corruption among the people of God.
 - The wheat represents the people of God.
 - Some corrupting influence is introduced as an influence that may look genuine, even as tares may resemble real wheat.
 - In order to preserve and protect the wheat the owner ...
 - Did not separate the tares from the wheat until the time of harvest.
 - Recognized that the ultimate answer to tares among the wheat would only come at the final harvest.



Parable #2: Tares and Wheat - OBSERVATIONS

• Parable Key Point(s)

- This parable changes the figures slightly from the parable of the soils ([Matthew 13:3-9; 13:18-23](#)).
 - Parable of the Soils: the Seed represents the Word of God
 - Parable of the Tares: the Seed represents True Believers.
 - The Point of the Parables is Completely Different
 - Parable of the Soils shows how men receive and respond to the Word of God.
 - Parable of the Tares shows how God will divide His true people from false believers at the end of this age.
- This parable illustrates not necessarily that there will be false believers among true believers in the church
 - Though that is also true to some extent.
 - Jesus said that the field is the world - not the church.
 - It is not the job of the church to weed out those who appear to be Christians but actually are not; that is God's job at the end of this age.

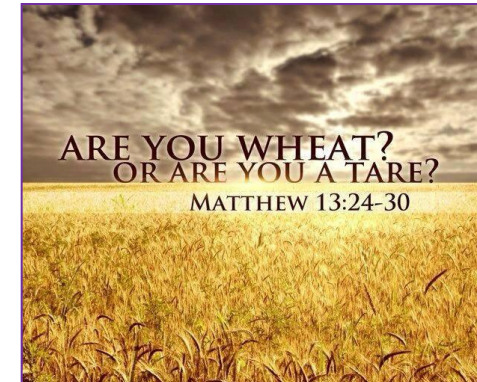


Parable #2: Tares and Wheat - OBSERVATIONS

- Parable Key Point(s)

- Jesus used this parable to clearly illustrate the truth that there are two different paths and eternal destinies.
 - A furnace of fire represents one destiny
 - Radiant glory (shine forth as the sun) the other destiny.

WHAT DESTINY AWAITS YOU?



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Parable #3: Mustard Seed - OBSERVATIONS

• Parable

- Matthew, Mark & Luke
- No explanation by Christ

MUSTARD SEED	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE
PARABLE	13:31-32	4:30-32	13:18-19
EXPLANATION	---	---	---



THE MUSTARD SEED PARABLE

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--- Matthew 13:31-32 ... NKJV



Parable #3: Mustard Seed - OBSERVATIONS

- The Kingdom of Heaven is Like ...
 - A mustard seed

PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED - IN A NUT SHELL

STORY LINE	Observation
A man sows a mustard seed in his field	Single seed is sown by owner of the field
Mustard seed is the least of all seed	Describes the mustard seed in terms of its size - smallest or least of all seeds
When the mustard seed is grown it becomes greater than all the herbs and becomes a tree	Contrasting the size of the mustard seed when sown compared to when it is fully grown ... Small seed to a tree
Mustard tree has birds of the air come and nest in its branches	The mustard tree is large enough for birds to nest in its branches.

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--- Matthew 13:31-32 ... NKJV

Parable #3: Mustard Seed - OBSERVATIONS

• Parable Key Point(s)

- This parable describes the growth and eventual dominance of the church, the kingdom community.
- Yet in light of both the parable itself and the context of the parables both before and after, this should be regarded as another description of corruption in the kingdom community,
 - Previous Parable of the Tares and the Wheat.
 - Next Parable of the Woman and the Leaven.
- This parable presents a picture of the church growing so large that it provides refuge for all of the world.
- However this mustard seed plant grew unnaturally large
 - It harbored birds
 - From the Parable of the Sower and the Soils
 - Were emissaries of Satan.
 - Reminiscent of Nebuchadnezzar's 2nd Dream (Daniel 4)



"Close study of birds as symbols in the Old Testament and especially in the literature of later Judaism shows that birds regularly symbolize evil and even demons or Satan" (CARSON)

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Parable #4: Woman and Leaven - OBSERVATIONS

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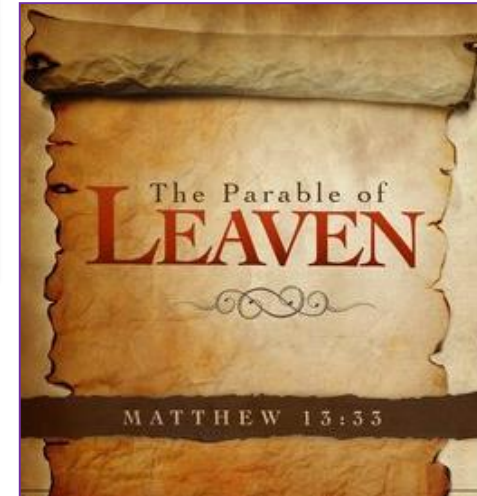
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- No explanation by Christ

LEAVEN	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE
PARABLE	13:33	---	13:20-21
EXPLANATION	---	---	---

THE WOMAN AND THE LEAVEN PARABLE

³³ Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

--- Matthew 13:33 ... NKJV



Parable #4: Woman and Leaven - OBSERVATIONS

- The Kingdom of Heaven is Like ...
 - Leaven

PARABLE OF THE WOMAN AND LEAVEN - IN A NUT SHELL

STORY LINE	Observation
A woman takes leaven and works it into three measure of meal.	Leaven is mixed into three measures of meal - small amount of leaven is implied.
The meal is fully leavened.	After the leaven has been mixed through the meal rises.

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--- Matthew 13:33 ... NKJV

Parable #4: Woman and Leaven - OBSERVATIONS

• Parable Key Point(s)

- This parable is another illustration of corruption in the kingdom community.
- Jesus used a surprising picture here.
 - Most, regard this as a beautiful picture of the kingdom of God working its way through the whole world.
 - Yet leaven is consistently used as a picture of sin and corruption (Passover narrative - Exodus 12:8, 12:15-20).
 - The content and the context point towards this being a description of corruption in the kingdom community.
- Three Measures of Meal
 - This was an unusually large amount of meal.
 - It was much more than any normal woman would prepare, and suggests the idea of massive or unnatural size.



"There would be a certain shock in hearing the Kingdom of God compared to leaven."
(BARCLAY)

"Three measures of meal would be about 40 liters, which would make enough bread for a meal for 100 people, a remarkable baking for an ordinary woman."
(FRANCE)

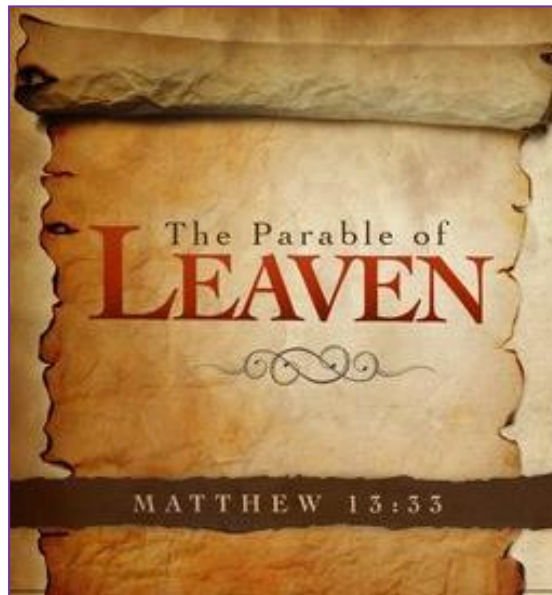
Parable #4: Woman and Leaven - OBSERVATIONS

- Parable Key Point(s)

- The idea of hiding leaven in three measures of meal would have offended any observant Jew.
- This certainly isn't a picture of the church gradually influencing the whole world for good.
- Rather, in the context of increasing opposition to His work, Jesus announced that His kingdom community would also be threatened by corruption and impurity.



The leaven represents "paganizing influences" brought into the church.
(G. Campbell Morgan)



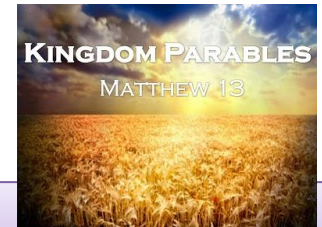
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Parable #5: Treasure in the Field - OBSERVATIONS

• Parable

- Only Matthew
- No explanation by Christ

TREASURE	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE
PARABLE	13:44	---	---
EXPLANATION	---	---	---

THE TREASURE IN THE FIELD PARABLE

⁴⁴ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

--- Matthew 13:44 ... NKJV



Parable #5: Treasure in the Field - OBSERVATIONS

- The Kingdom of Heaven is Like ...
 - Treasure Hidden in a Field

PARABLE OF THE TREASURE IN THE FIELD - IN A NUT SHELL

STORY LINE	Observation
A man finds a treasure in the field.	What treasure is found, is not disclosed.
The man hides the treasure.	The man hides the discovered treasure in the field - so others will not discover.
The man goes and sells all he has so he can purchase the field.	<p>The man appraises the treasure to be of great value and sells everything he has to purchase the field.</p> <p>Notice the man does not originally own the field.</p>

44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

--- Matthew 13:44 ... NKJV

Parable #5: Treasure in the Field - OBSERVATIONS

• Parable Key Point(s)

- The field is the world, but the man does not represent the believer, because we have nothing to buy this treasure with. Instead, Jesus is the man who gave all that He had to buy the field.
- This parable and the one following are different in character than the previous three.
 - The previous three parables (the tares and the wheat, the mustard seed, and the leaven) each spoke of corruption in the kingdom community.
 - These two parables speak of how highly the King values the people of His kingdom.
- The treasure so wonderful that Jesus would give all to purchase is the individual believer.
 - This powerfully shows how Jesus gave everything to redeem the whole world to preserve a treasure in it, and the treasure is His people.



"Under rabbinic law if a workman came on a treasure in a field and lifted it out, it would belong to his master, the field's owner; but here the man is careful not to lift the treasure out till he has bought the field." (CARSON)

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Parable #6: Pearl of Great Price - OBSERVATIONS

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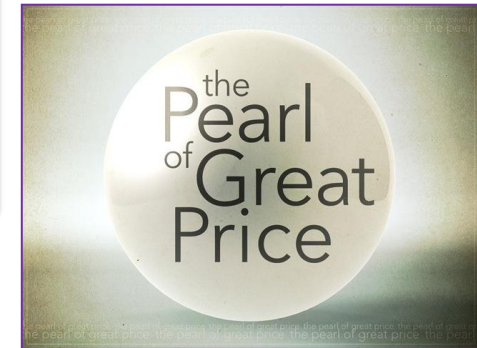
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PEARL	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE
PARABLE	13:45-46	---	---
EXPLANATION	---	---	---

THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE PARABLE

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls,⁴⁶ who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

--- Matthew 13:45-46 ... NKJV



Parable #6: Pearl of Great Price - OBSERVATIONS

- The Kingdom of Heaven is Like ...
 - A Merchant Seeking Beautiful Pearls

PARABLE OF THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE - IN A NUT SHELL

STORY LINE	Observation
A merchant is looking for beautiful pearls.	The merchant is actively seeking the pearls.
The merchant finds one pearl of great prices.	The merchant finds a single pearl that he appraises as being of great value.
The merchant sells all that he has in order to purchase the pearl.	The merchant is so committed to this beautiful pearl, that he takes action, and sells everything that he has in order to buy it.

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--- Matthew 13:45-46 ... NKJV

Parable #6: Pearl of Great Price - OBSERVATIONS

- Parable Key Point(s)

- In this parable

- Jesus is the buyer
 - The individual believer is the Pearl that He sees as so valuable that He would happily give all to have it forever.

- It seems crazy for a merchant to sell all that he had for one pearl, but for this merchant it was well worth it.

- That shows how much he valued this pearl of great price,
 - And how much Jesus values His people.



"To the ancient peoples, as we have just seen, a pearl was the loveliest of all possessions."
(BARCLAY)

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Parable #7: Dragnet - OBSERVATIONS

- Parable
 - Only Matthew
 - Explanation by Christ

DRAGNET	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE
PARABLE	13:47-48	---	---
EXPLANATION	13:49-50	---	---

THE DRAGNET PARABLE

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, ⁴⁸ which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away.

--- Matthew 13:47-48 ... NKJV



The Parable of the Net

MATTHEW 13:47-50



Parable #7: Dragnet - OBSERVATIONS

- The Kingdom of Heaven is Like ...
 - A Dragnet that was Cast into the Sea

PARABLE OF THE DRAGNET - IN A NUT SHELL

STORY LINE	Observation
A dragnet is cast into the sea.	The fisherman casts the dragnet into the sea.
The net captures some of every kind.	The net captures a variety of fish.
When the net is full, they take it to shore.	When the net is full, the fishermen take the net to shore to examine their catch.
They sit down and separate the good from the bad.	The good they gather into vessels. The bad they throw away.

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--- Matthew 13:47-48 ... NKJV

Parable #7: Dragnet - OBSERVATIONS

- Parable Explained

THE DRAGNET PARABLE -- CHRIST EXPLAINS --

⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, ⁵⁰ and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

--- Matthew 13:49-50 ... NKJV



The Parable of the Net

MATTHEW 13:47-50



Parable #7: Dragnet - OBSERVATIONS

- Parable Interpretation

PARABLE OF THE DRAGNET - EXPLAINED	
ELEMENTS	Explanation
At the end of the age, the angels will come.	At judgment day, God gives the angels the role of separation.
They will separate the wicked from among the just.	The angels will separate the ... > Saved (good fish - or the just) from > Un-saved (bad fish - or the wicked)
The wicked are cast into the furnace of fire.	The un-saved will be cosigned to Hell.
The wicked will be wailing and gnashing their teeth.	There will be eternal punishment.

49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, **50** and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

--- Matthew 13:49-50 ... NKJV

Parable #7: Dragnet - OBSERVATIONS

• Parable Key Point(s)

- Jesus shows that the world will remain divided right up until the end, and the Church will not reform the world, ushering in the kingdom.
- There will be both the wicked and the just until the end of the age (as also demonstrated in the previous parable of the wheat and the tares).
- At that time the angels will come forth and assist the King in the work of judgment, sending some into the furnace of fire for final judgment.



"The reference, as in the weeds, is not primarily to a mixed church, but to the division among mankind in general which the last judgment will bring to light."
(FRANCE)

Annihilationism

The belief that apart from salvation the final punishment of human beings results in their total destruction rather than their everlasting torment.

There are many passages that refute annihilationism. A primary passage.

"⁶ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

--- Matthew 25:46:

