

The Kingdom of Heaven And:

Matthew 13:44-52

Intro:

- A. **Jesus uses the phrase, the kingdom of heaven as the basis of His teaching in parables.**
 - 1. We may not understand what He says.
 - 2. We may not care to know what He says.
 - 3. We may not believe what He teaches.
 - 4. Any of the above or all of the above will not make them trivial or unimportant.

- B. **What is the Kingdom of the heavenlies?**
 - 1. It is that over which God rules now.
 - 2. The kingdom is that which Jesus will rule over as the Son of God and Son of David.
 - 3. This is the Kingdom we pray for now.
 - 4. What specific truths are we to learn from the parables of the Kingdom of heave? Here are three. The last three that Jesus spoke in this series. **V.53**

I. The Kingdom Of Heaven And Providence.

- A. **"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field;" v.44a**
 - 1. treasure = θησαυρος = "anything laid up in store"
 - 2. hid = κειρομενω = "having been hidden"
 - 3. field = αγρος = "a cultivated field"

- B. **"...the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field." V.44b**
 - 1. found = ευρισκω = "to find as without seeking", "meet with," "to light upon"
 - 2. Some find the truth as by accident.
 - 3. They have not been searching for it.
 - 4. A lost Bible, a thrown away tract, a terrible accident, by chance and by providence.
 - 5. The truth is more valuable than all other accomplishments and accumulations. Pr0verbs 23:23 - "Buy the truth and sell it not, also wisdom, and understanding, and instruction."

II. The Kingdom Of God And The Seekers.

- A. **"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls;" v.45**
1. merchant = εμπορος = "one who goes on ship board as a passenger." One who travels to buy"
 2. seeking = ζητεω = "to seek after," "to strive to find," "to try to find or discover."
 3. goodly = καλος = "beautiful"
 4. pearls = μαργαριτης = "pearl"
- B. **"Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it." V.46**
1. found = ευρισκω = "to find as by search", "find out", "discover"
 2. great price = πολυτιμος = "very costly"
- C. **Here again, a seeker, discovers the truths of the Kingdom to be superior to any other truths about life. He sacrifices all for it or them.**
1. The Bible teaches all men to seek God.
 2. God does reward those who search for Him with all their hearts.

III. The Kingdom Of God And Judgment.

- A. **"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:" v.47**
1. net = σαγηνη = "a drag net, one that is drawn to the shore."
 2. This net drew all before it.
 3. When it was full it was pulled to the shore, the contents were judged and separated, the good from the bad. **V.48**
- B. **"So shall it be at the end of the world:" v.49**
1. end = συντελεια = "a bringing to one end together," "the combination of parts to one end," "accomplishment of a scheme"
 2. world = αιων = "an age, end, dispensation"
 3. The wicked and just shall be separated. **V.50**
 4. The wicked shall be punished.

IV. Have You Understood These Things?

A. **"Jesus saith unto them, have ye understood all these things?" v.51**

1. understood = συνημι = "to bring together" to collect together the single features of an object into a whole", "to comprehend," "grasp"
2. "...all these things"?
3. "Yea, Lord"

B. **"Therefore, every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old."**

1. instructed = μαθητευω = "to be a pupil, to be a disciple of"
2. scribe = γραμματευσ = "one instructed," "a learned teacher of the law of Moses."
3. Every teacher who knows the Law well and also is learned disciple of Jesus can show and explain truth from both the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus.

