

MATTHEW 13:44-53

REVIEW - So We Have Learned:

1. The sower and the soils - During Acts 2-7 and the Tribulation, there will be four kinds of hearts and only **one** good ground that produces true fruit (true Israel).
****Satan will be there to oppose and do everything he can to keep one from receiving the true kingdom message.**
2. The wheat and tares - As the wheat is the children of God (remnant), the tares are the unbelievers. They will grow **next** to one another only to be separated when Christ returns. The ones taken **away** will be cast into the fire, but those who **re**main (true Messiah believers) will be left to go into the Kingdom.
3. The mustard seed - During the presentation of the kingdom message in early Acts and early in the Tribulation, there will be **some** early converts - thus early excitement.
****But simultaneously Satan and his birds corrupt the truth by creating a monstrosity of apostate church religion.**
4. The leaven - During the Acts period in Israel and resuming in the Tribulation, **evil** will **grow** and **spread** in Satan's move to do away with Israel. Remember he **hates** her - she produced Christ. Satan will persecute the true believers of Israel, but **sadly** the majority of Israelites-Jews will believe the **lie** and follow Satan!

A. The Fifth Parable is the Hidden Treasure:

Matthew 13:44 - Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

1. The interpretation shows who is the treasure and what is the field. The "field", according to verse 38 is the **world**; whereas, the "treasure" is **Israel** - God's elect chosen nation, the Little Flock, eventually Kingdom promised saints.
2. God's **jewels** (true Israel) are His treasure **hid**den among the nations of the world (Israel's future).
Exodus 19:5-6 - Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine: Exo. 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.
Psalms 135:4 - For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure.
Malachi 3:17 - And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.
3. God found/founded this treasure in the field (world), but He had to hide it **again** due to their rejection of Him (O.T. Gospels-Acts 2, 7, 28). In the meantime, He has bought the entire field. It **cost** Him leaving behind heaven's riches in order that He might pay redemption's price for the world on Calvary's **cross**.

II Corinthians 8:9 - For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Ephesians 1:7 - In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

II Corinthians 5:19 - To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Philippians 2:8 - And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

4. Today the treasure is hidden, lying dormant and scattered among the Gentiles, since she was set aside (Acts 7). Some future day, Christ will return to earth to judge Israel's enemies and **revive** His nation. But until the treasure is found, dug up and rescued, the prophesied kingdom of Heaven can-**not** be realized. This will happen when:

Acts 3:21 - [Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.]

Romans 11:26 - [And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:]

*Israel's hope is hid in the field awaiting the day when she will be recovered. After the Rapture, true Israel will be raised up, even though it looks **bleak** for them today.

5. Also remember, in the Tribulation (not in Acts 2-7) is when God will **complete** making His jewels. At the beginning of the Tribulation (as in Acts 2-7), God moves among His people. But at Mid-Tribulation, God **hides** His people again. Antichrist pushes his extermination program into effect.

Wherever a true Jewish believer is caught, they are sent back to headquarters to be **executed.

Psalm 83:1-3 - Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. Psalm 83:2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. Psalm 83:3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

Isaiah 26:20-21 - Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. Isa. 26:21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Revelation 12:6-9, 12 - And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days. Rev. 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, Rev. 12:8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. Rev. 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Rev. 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

6. Christ will take possession of the field (world). He will ask the Father for what is rightfully His, then return to earth to **take** it (Rev. 19).

Psalm 2:6-9 - Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. Psalm 2:7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Psalm 2:8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Psalm 2:9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Revelation 11:15 - And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

B. The Sixth Parable is the Pearl of Great Price:

Matthew 13:45-46 - Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Matt. 13:46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

1. Though similar to the previous parable, it focuses here on a **special** group of Jewish kingdom believers.
2. Some wrongly say that the pearl is today's church. But, the Body Church was still a **secret**-mystery not revealed until Paul.
 - a. Again, according to context and the previous parables, the "pearl" is **part** of the treasure - Israel. Paul says in Romans 9:27 - [Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:]
 - b. **The pearl is the believing **remnant**, Little Flock. It is different in the sense that they are not the Tribulation or Millennial believers of Israel. They are distinct and represent a special group who came out of Israel to follow the Lord during His **earthly** ministry. These disciples are among those that forsook **all** they had, their families and homes, even willing to lose their own lives to receive spiritual life that Christ offered them. It is the **12** apostles along with those who left Israel's apostate system **defecting** to Christ. They would eventually pay dearly for that, but Christ promised in Matthew 19:27-29 - [Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? Matt. 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Matt. 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.]

C. The Seventh Parable is the Parable of the Dragnet:

Matthew 13:47-50 - Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Matt. 13:48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. Matt. 13:49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, Matt. 13:50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

1. This parable gives a **summation** of how it ends prior to going into the kingdom. It is similar to the wheat and tares. It shows that, during the interval between the two comings of Christ, the good and the bad will **coexist**.

2. The dragnet describes the judgment that occurs **before** the Millennial Kingdom is set up.
****One says:** "It is likened to a net dragged between two boats which would catch good and bad marine life. They would keep the good fish and throw away the bad things (snakes-turtles-snails)."
3. The point is, they would be gathered together and then **separated** from one another. Jesus is explaining that, before the Kingdom can be set up, there must first be a judgment of the **wicked**.
4. The interpretation. The "**sea**" often refers to the masses of people - humanity. Here, it is referring to the nations of people that are **left** at the end of the Tribulation (after all of the judgments of God's wrath).
 - a. The angels of God are going to gather the people. This will include the believers of true Israel and **unbelievers**. They will **separate** the **unbelieving** for **punishment**.
 - b. Christ will immediately judge the nations according to how they treated the **Jewish** remnant and how they responded to the Kingdom message. If they responded graciously and in **faith**, their reward is getting to go into the Kingdom. But the unbelieving, blasphemous ones are cast into the **fire** (not lake of fire, but in torment) until the White Throne Judgment.

Matthew 25:31-35, 40-43, 45-46 - When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: Matt. 25:32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: Matt. 25:33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Matt. 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: Matt. 25:35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Matt. 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me. Matt. 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: Matt. 25:42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: Matt. 25:43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Matt. 25:45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me. Matt. 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

D. The Eighth Parable is the Parable of the Householder:

Matthew 13:51-53 - Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. Matt. 13:52 Then said he unto them, 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. Matt. 13:53 And it came to pass, *that* when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence.

1. Since the disciples said they understood the previous parables, Jesus likens them to be educated in truth as the **true** scribes. Scribes were students, lawyers of the law. They were now householders of Old Testament truth and **new** truth that Jesus had shared in these mystery parables.
2. These parables were all **new** announcements. Christ had expanded **old** prophetic truths with **new** understanding. The O.T. prophets had foretold that the Messiah would be rejected, but they did **not** know or understand the consequences of the rejection.

- a. **They did not understand that there would be a **lapse** of time, a prolonged **gap** between the rejection of Christ and His return. Often the prophets saw the first and second coming of Christ as **one** event.

Examples:

Isaiah 9:6 - For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: // and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 61:1-2 - The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound; Isa. 61:2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, // and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

Luke 4:17-20 - And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, Luke 4:19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. // Luke 4:20 And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

Here Christ stops reading in the **middle of the prophetic verse. He does not read [and the day of vengeance of our God]. This part refers to the Tribulation period, which was and is **future**. What He did read was **fulfilled**, but // "the day of vengeance" **has not been**.

- b. Luke 19:11-12 - And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. Luke 19:12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, // and to return.

*This shows that He would **partially** fulfill prophecies...return to heaven, then come back to **finish** the prophecies.