

“THE MANDATE OF THE KINGDOM”

MATTHEW 13:47 - 51 (THE PARABLE OF THE DRAGNET)

SERIES: JESUS KINGDOM PARABLES ~ STORIES THAT CHANGED THE WORLD (7)

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Introduction

We return to our Kingdom parables which are found in Matthew 13: a cluster of parables Jesus used to explain the meaning of the Kingdom of God. Today we will be looking at the Parable of the Dragnet, which explains our Kingdom Mandate.

What will matter in 100 years from now?

The parable brings together the previous Kingdom parables in Matthew 13.

1.. The Principles of this parable

What the parable teaches:

In view is a dragnet, a long net almost a kilometer long that was laid out by two boats in shallow water and dragged ashore, catching all sorts of fish.

- **The Gospel O..... (v47-50)**

- the fisherman

- the lake

- the net

- the fish

- the end of the age

- **The Gospel O..... (v48)**

Not all who are caught in the net and brought to the Kingdom are eternally saved. Not all respond to the Gospel.

Parable of the Sower

- **The Gospel O..... (v48)**

We learn in this parable that there are ultimately only 2 categories of fish. Jesus is not referring to character, morals, worth but to those whose lives have been changed by the blood of Christ.

* How can you be certain you are a “good fish” (saved)?

- **The Gospel O.....(v49-50)**

The parable teaches us that wicked are eternally lost.

2. The Priorities of this parable

Why is the parable so important?

- **An to seek**

Jesus addresses the one thing that really matters: Christ died for our sins. We need to seek the anointing of God and have the thrilling experience of seeing people being saved.

- **Anto settle**

The dragnet pictures the “Gospel appeal”

Romans 10:9-11,13

God makes the appeal ... now is the time to respond!!!

People go to church for a whole lot of reasons other than to be converted!

- **An to secure**

This parable is about what we believe about the end times, and speaks about Jesus coming again.

Matthew 24:30-31

Revelation 20:11-15

The bottom line: not everyone who hears the Gospel or comes to church are / will be saved.

Do you have the certainty of having a real, living relationship with the Lord?

3. The Perspectives of this parable

- **An e..... perspective**

Jesus saves!

Mark 16:15

Acts 2:38

- **An e..... perspective**

The Gospel is for everyone! Revelation 7:9-10

- **An e..... perspective**

We are called to be fishers of men!

- **An e..... perspective**

Jesus spoke about a time of judgement.
There is a sense of urgency!

2 Corinthians 6:2

- **An e..... perspective**

A reason for suffering in hell is guilt.

The Parable of the Rich man and Lazarus – Luke 16:19-30.

The rich man neglected his responsibility.

Conclusion

Two miracles: Luke 5:1-11 & John 21:1-18

Romans 1:16

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.”