



Series: Unexpected Messiah

Passage Mathew 13:47-52

Title: The Kingdom Parables – Part 4

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Discussion Starter –Jesus said, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17). Jesus declares that he has reestablished his authority/kingdom on earth. What do these parables say about Satan’s influence on the kingdom? What do they say about the value of our salvation? What do they say about judgement?

The Parable of the Dragnet

- What is a “dragnet”? What is being gathered in the dragnet?
- What happens to the “good kind” that are gathered? What happens to the “bad kind” that were gathered? (See John 3:18) What is the “furnace of fire”? (See also Revelation 20:-11-15).
- Is hell is real place? Is hell a temporary destination? What kind existence will people in hell experience? (See Luke 16:19-21).
- The Parable of the Dragnet describes two kinds of people: “the wicked” and “the just”. What is the difference between the two kinds of people? How is “wicked” defined? How is “just” defined? (See also Ecclesiastes 7:20, Romans 3:10-12).
- According to Pastor David, what is the legal definition of “justified”?
- How do we become justified? (See 1 Corinthians 15:3-4). As believers, what role do we play in our own justification? What role do we play in another person’s justification? (See 1 Corinthians 3:6-9).

Testing Ourselves

- Read 2 Corinthians 13:5. In The Parable of the Dragnet “some of every kind” were gathered. How do we know which kind we are, evil or just? (See Romans 10:9). Pastor David gave a few example of items that may indicate the health of our relationship with Jesus. What were they?
- Why might it be a good idea to examine the health of our relationship with Jesus? (See also Philippians 2:12-13).
- Are there dangers to avoid in this examination? (See also Matthew 23:1-12, Philippians 3:1-11)

Our Purpose

- Why did God create us in his image? How do we differ from the animals he created? How do we know that God values us? (See Romans 8:17, 1 Peter 1:4, John 1:12).
- What does it practically mean to be co-heirs with Christ? How should this form our understanding of our purpose?