

## End Time Preparation

### Old and

### New Treasures

**Introduction:** The last two 'kingdom' parables of Matthew 13 deal with the current and future activity of the kingdom and our obligation to share the gospel message.



#### A. End Time Preparation *Matt 13:47-50*

1. The parable *Matt 13:47-48*
  - a. **The dragnet:** This was a 'seine' similar to the 'purse seiners' we see off the coast of Southern California.
2. The explanation *Matt 13:49*
  - a. **The end of the age:** Jesus here speaks of judgment in general and may have both the end of the tribulation and the great white throne judgment of *Rev 20:11-15* in view!
  - b. **During the present era:** "The dragnet of God's judgment moves silently through the sea of mankind and draws all men to the shores of eternity—believers to eternal life and unbelievers to eternal damnation." *John MacArthur*
  - c. **The angels:** Here they do the same work of separation as in the wheat and tares.
  - d. **Does God care?** Yes He does...
    - God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked *Ezek 18:23*
    - God does not desire that anyone perish *2 Pet 3:9*
    - The Lord wept over Jerusalem *Luke 19:41*
    - Hell was not created for men—but for the devil *Matt 25:41*
3. The warning *Matt 13:50*

God's Word reveals four basic truths about the 'furnace of fire' [hell] that will help us grasp its horror.

  - a. **Darkness and Fire:** Hell is a place of constant torment, misery and pain. The torment is often described as darkness *Matt 22:13* and fire that will never go out *Mark 9:43*.
  - b. **Torment of both body and soul:** The worm does not die *Mark 9:44*. A picture eternal decay.
  - c. **Degrees of torments:** Some will experience greater torment than others. *Heb 10:28-29; Luke 12:47-48*
  - d. **Torment is everlasting:** People in hell will experience the total absence of hope. *Matt 25:46*.

#### B. Proclaiming the Gospel *Matt 13:51-52*

1. Instructed in the kingdom: Those who understand the gospel—both the news of heaven AND hell.
2. Head of a Household: Is one who is responsible for the house and lays out both old and new for the benefit of all.
3. Treasury of truth: Both the Old Testament and the new teaching of the parables [the kingdom] that Jesus had just given the disciples. Our greatest treasure is Christ who is the pearl of great price—our salvation.

#### Matthew 13:47-50 Net of Fish

**: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.

**: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 13:51-52 Bringing out the Treasure

**:51** Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

**:52** Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure *things* new and old."