

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. To what was the kingdom of heaven likened in this parable?
2. Who sowed the tares? When was this done?
3. What was the Master's solution to the question of what should be done with the tares?
4. When will the harvest take place and what will be the final result?

SUMMARY:

Jesus knew people through the ages would hear His word and hearken unto it, but that the bad would persist until the end of the world. He teaches very plainly throughout His ministry that there will then be a final separation, the wicked going to eternal damnation and the saints to eternal glory.

NOTES:

[SoF:6] We believe that all are sinners and lost, awaiting the judgment of God, but God is not willing that any should be lost. **[SoF:10]** We believe that both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; the saved unto life eternal and the lost unto eternal damnation.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #6

February 6, 2022

First Quarter

CHRIST, THE MASTER JUDGE **[SoF:6,10]**

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

LESSON SETTING: Jesus preaches from a boat to the multitudes on the shore of the Sea of Galilee and later to His disciples in a home.

TIME: About 28 - 31 A.D.

- I. AN EVIL DEED.** Matthew 13:24-26, 36-39
 - A. Good Seed Sown (vs. 24) Hosea 10:12; John 15:16; Galatians 6:8-9; Philippians 1:11; Colossians 1:10
 - B. Tares Sown (vs. 25) Job 4:8; Proverbs 22:8; Zechariah 3:1; Galatians 6:7-8a; 1 Peter 5:8
- II. A WISE DECISION.** Matthew 13:27-29
 - A. The Servant's Question (vs. 27) Exodus 15:6; Psalm 68:1; Isaiah 1:24; Romans 10:3
 - B. The Master's Answer (vs. 28-29) Isaiah 48:9; Matthew 9:10; 10:16; 2 Peter 3:9
- III. A CERTAIN DESTINY.** Matthew 13:30, 40-43
 - A. Son of Man will come (vs. 40-41) Matthew 25:31-32; Hebrews 9:27; 2 Peter 2:9; Revelation 20:12
 - B. Right Discernment (vs. 41) Matthew 13:49; 25:32; Luke 16:26; 17:34
 1. Castaways (vs. 42) Psalm 37:2; Isaiah 66:24
 2. Saints (vs. 43) Psalm 37:5; Daniel 12:3; Matthew 10:42; Matthew 25:23; Romans 8:18; Ephesians 6:8; Colossians 3:23-24

GOLDEN TEXT: *SO THEN EVERY ONE OF US SHALL GIVE ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF TO GOD.* Romans 14:12

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Matthew 13:31-35; 44-50

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Isaiah 32:1-20; Micah 4:1-13

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ - King and Savior

TOPIC: THE MASTER'S KINGDOM

INTRODUCTION:

The Master compares His Kingdom to a mustard seed, to dough, to hidden treasure, to a pearl and to a fisherman's net. In each parable, Christ describes notable aspects of His kingdom that seem only recognizable with the passing of time.

The mustard seed is the "least of all seeds", seemingly so insignificant. Yet the seed grows over time to support life. Likewise the kingdom of heaven is deemed worthy of no notice by the world at large, even as it grows. But in time its size is a testimony of its ability to support life, and those who realize its significance will find a safe haven of rest.

Leaven is the inconspicuous ingredient that makes unpalatable dough able to satisfy the hungry soul—in due time.

The treasure hidden in the field has been there all along. It seems hardly anyone takes time to look for it. But those who find it cherish the value of it, and are willing to sell everything to own it.

It takes time for the merchant to wade through various pearls, but he finally recognizes that pearl of great worth. Likewise, people spend much time sampling the many benefits and noble causes this world has to offer, but only the Kingdom of God is worth pursuing with every ounce of our being.

And like the fisherman's net that gathers all kinds of creatures from the same sea, citizens of the Kingdom share this world now with unbelievers, but at the end of the age of grace the Kingdom net will dredge up every creature, and the God-loving righteous ones will be preserved apart from the rest.

CENTRAL TRUTH: There is sufficient time in this life for everyone to realize the true value of the Kingdom of God.

GOLDEN TEXT: *EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.*

John 3:3

Every natural birth shows us the power of God and we know that without the Creator, this creative process would be impossible. But natural man also has a part in this, and every natural birth will sometime be followed by the natural body's death. "*Man that is born of woman is of few days.*" (Job 14:1) Because of sin and the power of Satan, man is carnal and "*to be carnally minded is death,*" (Romans 8:6) for "*flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.*" (1 Corinthians 15:50)

Therefore, God in His mercy has provided the means by which man can attain the new birth, by which he can be "born again". Man must allow himself to come under the influence of the Holy Spirit, deny the will of the flesh and of this union be born into the family of God. "*Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.*" (1 Peter 1:23)

Man must here give up his nature,
And become a newborn creature.
If when life is ended here,
He would enter glory there.

Z.H. 187:1

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 7 – 13

M. *The Master's Kingdom. Matthew 13:31-35, 44-52

T. Blessings of the Kingdom. Matthew 5:1-16

W. Prayer and the Kingdom. Matthew 6:1-15

T. How to Enter the Kingdom. John 3:1-16

F. Seeking the Kingdom. Luke 12:22-32

S. Preparation for the Kingdom. Luke 12:32-40

S. Qualifications for the Kingdom. Luke 12:41-48

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