

Kingdom Parables

Jesus teaches of the Kingdom of
Heaven in parables

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

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Parable of the tares among the
wheat

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Kingdom of Heaven Parables – Prophecy

Matthew 13:1-3, 34-35

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...All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

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Q: “multitudes” of what people?

R: Matthew 15:24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Q: To whom were Jesus disciples sent?

R: John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

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Matthew 13:34-35

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Q: To whom is Jesus speaking according the prophet?

R: Psalm 78:1-3 [*Maschil of Asaph.*] Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

Dispensation of the Grace of God – Mystery

Ephesians 3:1-5

¶ For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit

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Q: Who did Paul primarily and initially address?

R: Ephesians 2:11 Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands

1Tim 6:2b ...let them not despise *them*, because they are brethren; but rather do *them* service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit...

Dispensation of the Grace of God – Mystery

Q: Again, who did Paul primarily and initially address?

Col 1:23b-26 ...whereof I Paul am made a minister;

¶ Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; *Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints*

Note: Paul to those “also called saints”, NOT little flock.

Kingdom of Heaven Parables – Prophecy

Tares among Wheat

(How can a God of love send people to an eternal hell?)

Matthew 13:24-25

¶ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

Note: “man which sowed”: son of man; v37

Note: “good seed”: the children of the Kingdom; v38

Note: “his field”: the world; v38

Note: “his enemy”: the devil; v39

Kingdom of Heaven Parables – Tares among Wheat

Matthew 13:26-27

But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

Note: “tares”: the children of the wicked *one*; v38

Note: “tare”; definition: a darnel or vitch – a weed among, and resembling wheat, but is worthless fruit being poisonous.

Kingdom of Heaven Parables – Tares among Wheat

Matthew 13:28-30

He said unto them, An enemy hath done this.

The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Note: “the harvest”: the end of the world; v39

Note: “the reapers”: the angels; v39

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Matthew 13:36

¶ Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

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Matthew 13:37-39

¶ He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked *one*; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

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Matthew 13:40-43

As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Kingdom of Heaven Parables – Tares among Wheat

Q: For whom was “everlasting fire” prepared?

R: Matthew 25:41b ...everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels

Q: Why were tares in the householder’s field?

R: Matthew 13:25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

Q: Does the enemy have his own seed?

R: Genesis 3:14a, 15 And the LORD God said unto the serpent I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

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Q: Who is the serpent, the enemy sowing seed?

R: Revelation 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years

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Q: Has the Devil any children?

R: John 8:37, 39, 44 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father.

Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. ... Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.

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Q: How is it that Jesus' word had no place in them?

(Note: we refer to Jesus' parable of the Sower)

R: Matthew 13:3-7 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

v4 And when he sowed, some *seeds* fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

(continued...)

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Q: How is it that Jesus word had no place in them?

R: Matthew 13:5-7 – where seed fell (continued)

v5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

v6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

v7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them

Note: v8 tells of the only seed to fall on “good ground”.

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Q: When did the tares appear?

R: Matthew 13:26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

Q: Who were the ones to recognize the tares?

R: Matthew 13:27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

Q: How long will the tares be allowed to grow?

R: Matthew 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest

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Q: Who will be told to gather the tares for burning?

R: Matthew 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Note: this command goes to the reapers which are the angels, and not the servants.

Note: “the harvest”: the time of judgement

Matthew 13:39b the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

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Q: Who are the “servants”?

Matthew 13:28b-30 The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

R: Genesis 26:24 And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I *am* the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I *am* with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

Note: “the servants” **≠** the Body of Christ

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Q: What will happen to the Devil's children?

R: Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Q: What is the “second death”?

R: Revelation 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

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Q: Will Satan get a second chance?

(Note: After one thousand years of being bound and in prison in the bottomless pit, perhaps Satan will have learned his lesson, and will repent!?)

R: Revelation 20:7-8a And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

And shall go out to deceive the nations

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Q: What will happen to the Devil in the end?

R: Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Q: Will others be cast into the lake of fire?

R: Revelation 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Note: the lake of fire = the second death.

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Kingdom of Heaven Parables – Prophecy

Tares among Wheat – Matthew 13:24-30

¶ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way...

Concluding thought: This parable teaches that Satan has seed, tares, planted among the children of the Kingdom growing together. The world will be full of tares as it approaches the time of harvest: judgment. The tares look like the children, but their fruit reveals the truth of their identity. The tares will continue until the return of Christ with His angels who will gather the tares for burning.