MATTHEW 13

24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

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

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

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?

28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

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.

*Many things God does in three I often believe because two or three is a witness other numbers God uses also and the number 7 more than others.*

*Before the harvest there must be a planting of seeds, and this parable found in Matthew 13:24-30 and explained in the verses above tell of three things.*

*Good seed, bad seed and the ground where the seed is planted.*

*The people of the world are represented as the ground in this parable as in other parables. Whether you are good ground or bad ground depends on how you receive the seed and which seed you receive.*

*Christ explains in detail why some Christian walks fail and not once mentioned predestination or election.*

MATTHEW 13:

19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

*The scripture tells how you become good ground*.

LUKE 14:

33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

*At birth we are all sinners until and if we receive a seed which is the gospel*.

ROMANS 3:

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

*Bro. Richard from Australia sent me a scripture as he usually does on emails*

II PETER 3

4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

*Things are not continuing as the beginning as you can see a natural field grow until harvest you can also by grace see spiritual things.*

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

This world is kept because the Word has spoken the day it will be brought to justice.

ACTS 17:

31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

*God does not count time as we do.*

II PETER 3

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

*I mentioned three harvest the gospel brings the first.*

JOHN 4:

34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

*When a soul is converted, they are part of the gospel harvest, but the next harvest will be when they are taken to heaven as the wicked which is the third harvest or gathered in the wrath of God.*

*The next harvest is the end of the World.*

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.

MATTHEW 13:

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

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

41 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;

Bind 1210 deo {deh'-o} to bind, fasten with chains, to throw into chains

Bundles: *a collection of things or quantity of material tied or wrapped up together: Apple Dictionary*.

*Today I seen most religions to be simply bundles bound together with traditions and doctrines and become literal spiritual prisons.*

*The seed of Christ grows but it’s perfection is settled already but after the conversion harvest the next harvest is the catching away.*

HEBREWS 10:

14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

JOHN 4:

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

I CORINTHIANS 1

30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

*For every true believer God looks at the end not the beginning.*

ROMANS 8:

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

ROMANS 4:

17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

*The church or elect harvest will happen after the last true believer is converted and the final binding of bundles will happen when the last redeemable person is sit free from them.*

II PETER 3

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

MATTHEW 24:

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

REVELATION 18

» 23 † And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

*Most religions believe they must get their doctrine to the world and being in one mind as the scripture teaches becomes a matter of believing their particular doctrine is the one everyone must believe and all other to them become heretics*.

*The true gospel is that we are all sinners, and Christ is the only remedy. We must enter the narrow door which is Christ by faith and our journey continues by faith or we fall.*

II CORINTHIANS 4:

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

II CHRONICLES 32:

7 Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him:

8 With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

*Christ will reveal all we every need to know if we have Him.*

COLOSSIANS 3:

11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

*Any identification we seek other than Christ is deceptive.*

*When the witness is finished the end will come both for the journey of the Christian and for unbeliever.*

REVELATION 14:

14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

MATTHEW 13:

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

41 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;

REVELATION 14:

17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

*I believe this scripture takes place on this side of the harvest and describes the binding of the tares.*

MATTHEW 22:

3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.

4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.

5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:

6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.

7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

*That was Israel*

8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.

*That ends their history when they reject Christ then the gospel goes to the gentiles or all nations. The wedding is ready when the first call was made.*

9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

*The wheat and tares grow together until harvest since the tares are bundled first each generation has a remnant of the total elect called and chosen. Each generation will have those that or bound in darkness.*

*Christ stands in the midst of the churches and His Spirit examines those who claim Christianity.*

REVELATION 2

1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks.

MATTHEW 22:

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, **Bind** him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into **outer darkness**; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

II PETER 2:

17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the **mist** of darkness is reserved for ever.

Mist/darkness. 2217 » zophos {dzof'-os} darkness, blackness; used of the darkness of the nether world

II PETER 2:

» 4 † For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of **darkness**, to be reserved unto judgment;

*That is a different darkness then which we were all once a part of.*

II CORINTHIANS 4:

» 6 † For God, who commanded the light to shine out of **darkness**, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

 **darkness** 4655 » skotos {skot'-os} of ignorance respecting divine things and human duties, and the accompanying ungodliness and immorality,

II PETER 3

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

I THESSALONIANS 5:

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

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Faraj shared God’s Word with the people of Iran, carefully placing Bibles on empty bus seats and praying that people would find them, read them and come to know Christ like he did. Eventually, Iranian authorities discovered Faraj’s clandestine Bible distribution and arrested him. In jail, Faraj was tortured — guards knocked out numerous teeth and broke his back. Pray for him he has escaped to another country and is being helped.

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**WHAT ARE WE TO DO WHEN WE ARE AFRAID, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE ARE AFRAID OF GOD?**

**Job 23:14-15***“For he performeth the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with him. Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider,* ***I am afraid of him.”***

**HERE IS WHAT WE ARE TO DO:**

**Psalm 56:3;  “*What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee*.”** When the storm of appointed afflictions passes our way, let’s trust in the one who sent them. Our Heavenly Father knows best.

**When trouble comes our way and we find ourselves afraid, let’s:**

**1). Trust Him who is infinitely wise.** He makes no mistakes.

**2). Trust Him who is infinitely good.** Let’s not judge God’s goodness by circumstance.

**3). Trust Him who loves you with infinite love, everlasting love.**

**4). Trust Him who has already taken care of the weightier matters, our salvation.** Remember, our troubles are not a matter of God’s power to deliver, but a matter of His will.

**5). Trust Him who is head of all principalities and powers (Ephesians 1:21-23).**

**6)**. **Trust Him who is God.** Who plants his foot upon the storm and rides upon the wings of the wind.

**As Job said,** **Job 13:15;***“Though he slay me,* ***yet will I trust in him****: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.”***Pastor John Chapman**

**Woe Is Me**

"*Then said I, woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts*" **(Isa. 6:5).**

What was Isaiah's response to this awesome revelation of God's presence and holiness?

**1.** HE SAW HIMSELF! A man may look at others and say, "*I thank Thee, Lord, I am not like other men."* A man may look at the written law and say, "*1 am blameless*." But if a man is exposed to the absolute holiness and righteousness of God, he must cry, "*Woe is me! I am cut off."*

**2.** HE SAW THE EVIL OF HIS HEART--the source of his problems. But he cried, *"I am a man of unclean LIPS*." That's true, but "*out of the heart, the mouth speaketh*." Unclean lips are the outlet and result of an unclean heart.

**3.** HE SAW THE RUIN OF ALL THE SONS OF ADAM--re­ligious and otherwise! The fall of Adam is universal and complete. There are none good, none righteous, none that understand, and none that seek God!

In **Isaiah 40** he reveals the three-fold message of the gospel--(1) "*All flesh is grass*," (2) "*The word of our God shall stand forever*," and (3)"*Behold your God will come and His reward is with Him*."

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