All verses are copied from https://biblehub.com/ in King James

I have been looking at the changes they are making to the most recent addition to the English Standard Version (ESV). The ESV was originally released in 2001, revised in 2007, 2011, 2016 and the most recent in 2025. *"The ESV Translation Oversight Committee maintains that its text should remain open to periodic changes to reflect new biblical scholarship and linguistic shifts, whereas the KJV is viewed as a fixed historical standard."* Quoted from AI.

The real question on today's translations is: Is it translation or interpretation that is leading the changes. Do they tell us what the Bible says, or do they interpret what the Bible says for we less educated to understand? Do these panels reading the more ancient texts have a bias from their own training to change what God said or are they really translating the words in the Greek and Hebrew and allow us to study and interpret what God is saying to us? On our part we must of course use sound means of doctrine as we interpret God's Word that we do not lead ourselves and other astray.

If through archeology a more accurate scripture is found and it contradicts what we have read and been taught should we be made aware of that new understanding?

You should know that the King James translation was translated in the 1600's without the benefit of the Dead Sea Scrolls. The ESV has that advantage of having access to the older translation, but it concerns me slightly that they revise the ESV four times in the last 24 years. I do not believe there are any significant changes that would challenge the authenticity and accuracy of the KJV other than punctuation and some minor linguistic changes that may make it easier to understand the times that Jesus walked the earth. I personally am still satisfied with the KJV and would only caution you to search out the basis of any changes to any versions available. If you chose to use another translation just be aware of any issues or changes in revisions. The KJV is not the end of all discussion, it is simply a well done translation based on what is now known from the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Matthew 13

The Parable of the Sower
(Mark 4:1-9; Luke 8:4-15)

1The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. 2And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

If you have been around a large body of water you know that sound carries quite well over the water.

During the Vietnam war while off the coast of Vietnam on board an Aircraft Carrier the Coral Sea we had a midnight “unwrap” which means we took on supplies from a re-supply ship. We later found out that the Captain of that ship had spent thousands of his own dollars and put up a sound system.

I hope you can in your mind’s eye see this moment in 1968.





On this night the seas were calm and the moon was full. All you could hear was the ships cutting though the water and the sound of the lines between the two ships moving cargo to the Carrier.

As they completed the transfer of supplies the lines were dropped and the supply ship turned away from the carrier, cutting through the moonlit water and all of a sudden this song played as the ship left our side.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOl73VQOS9M

The sound echoed for miles across that massive ocean off Vietnam.

That entire thing had absolutely nothing to do with what Jesus was doing other than to say, water carries sound a long ways. So, Jesus used that to speak to a very large crowd, so everyone could hear Him.

> **3And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;**

From Strong's concordance; Parable

"parabolé: a placing beside, a comparison

Transliteration:*parabolé*
Definition: *a placing beside, a comparison"*

> **4And when he sowed, some *seeds* fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: 5Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: 6And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. 7And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: 8But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. 9Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.**

Jesus spoke in parables for several reasons. It was a means of making a point by using comparative language or events. He could have said plainly that if a person hears the Word of God which is what the “seed” represents and that person’s heart is not ready, willing or able to hear it then various things will happen. Using the parable Jesus was able to help people in their minds eye or heart to understand what He was talking about.

The Purpose of Jesus' Parables
(Mark 4:10-12)

10And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? 11He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. 12For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. 13Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

Jesus is pointing out that some people are predisposed in a way to receive God’s Word, others are not. I still do not think God picks and choses, it has a lot to do with how a person has lived their life as to whether they are open to God’s Word. If a person comes from a cult background you can understand their resistance to the Truth, it will destroy all they held as fact presented from a narrow point of view without God’s direction.

Same goes for those raised without any contact with Believers. Not impossible but certainly some challenges for their hearts to hear the Truth and admit they have lived the life of a sinner, unforgiven and destined to Hell.

> ***James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.***

This verse in James predisposes that a person believes there is a God or is a Believer already and wants to understand more of what God says.

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> **14And <u>in them</u> is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: (emphasis mine)**

"In them" refers to the parables that Jesus used to reveal truths about Himself, God, the Holy Spirit and what was to come.

> ***Isaiah 6:9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.***

We can understand what Jesus was saying. Each of us or at least most Believers today can say there was a time in our lives when we heard but did not hear, we saw but did not see. That changed when in our soul's God reached out to us and told us the God

News. So profound a message that we could do nothing other than surrender to the One Who Died on the Cross for our Sins.

How many today are still fulfilling this prophecy of not really seeing or hearing. So caught up in the world they give no thought to what comes next.

> **15For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.**

Perhaps one of the most prophetically astounding chapters also from Isaiah, Isaih 53.

As we read this Chapter, notice the first verse. It is a sigh from the heart of the prophet Isaiah. Do any of us have friends or relatives that refuse to listen to the Good News? How badly does it trouble our hearts that time is so short, none of us know if we have another tomorrow, and when we die the “die is cast”; an idiom meaning there is no other options left. Such finality and Isaiah was bereaved that people; the people of Israel would not listen.

Isaiah 53:1Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

2For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

3He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter,

and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

8He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

A Grave Assigned
(Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42)

9And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

12Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The entirety of the Good News lies within those 12 verses, written by Isaiah 700 years before Jesus was born on earth.

Jesus' spoke of those who do not see and do not hear and now speaks to the Apostles and by extension to Believers; those who see and hear.

> **16But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. 17For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous *men* have desired to see *those things* which ye see, and have not seen *them*; and to hear *those things* which ye hear, and have not heard *them*.**

The prophecies were given the prophets hundreds and sometimes as much as thousand years before they came to be. They had been given glimpses of what was to come but did not get the opportunity to see the very words given to them by God come to fruition. Jesus is declaring to His Apostles that they are the first to see these ancient prophesies come to life before their very eyes.

We as Believes, over 2000 years since Jesus said these words are blessed, as we get to see some of the remaining unfulfilled prophesies come into existence in our own lifetime.

A brief comment about the recent elections from God's perspective.

> ***Daniel 2: 20Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:***
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> ***21And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:***

> ***22He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.***

From God's perspective He has planned and that decision was carried out by people.

God's plan has a beginning, a middle and an end. He chooses when America becomes powerful and He decides when America fails, and it will fail if for no other reason than America deserves to be judged for our sins as a nation.

Did God give America a reprieve for a few years and now the debt has come due. We know that the left's intention is to destroy this nation and God is putting into place those mechanisms to bring that about. We as a nation founded by God have, as did Israel, turned our backs on our Creator God and Savior. As much as God loved Israel, He judged the nation and brought it to its knees, casting it about the world (diaspora) until 1948. Never has a nation existed and been demolished and come back into existence except Israel.

Jesus told His disciples that Israel would be destroyed just like the temple, but there would be a generation come along that would see the events Jesus describes in Matthew 24. That generation of Israel, the reconstituted nation of Israel, one interpretation is; that generation would see the end times and understand them.

> ***Matthew 24: 34Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.***

If you have forgotten what Jesus said would be the signs of the end times read the entire Chapter Matthew 24.

I bring this up as I am like many of you here, born the year Israel was reconstituted as the Nation Jesus told His disciples about. I am 78 years old; the Bible uses different numbers at times to describe a generation. So, how can we know which “generation” Jesus is speaking of. I think that is a question for another time. Perhaps we should consider that sooner rather than later?

If you want to start understanding study what Jesus said in Matthew 24. We will study that soon.

> ***Matthew 24: 1And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. 2And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.***
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> ***3And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?***
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> ***4And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.***
>
> ***False Christs***

5For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. 6And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Witnessing to All Nations
(Mark 13:10-13; Luke 21:10-19)

9Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. 10And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. 11And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 13But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. 14And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

The Abomination of Desolation
(Mark 13:14-23; Luke 21:20-24)

15When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 16Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 19And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 20But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: 21For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be

shortened. 23Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 24For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. 25Behold, I have told you before.

The Return of the Son of Man
(Mark 13:24-27; Luke 21:25-28)

26Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. 27For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 28For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

29Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The lesson of the Fig Tree
(Mark 13:28-31; Luke 21:29-33)

32Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: 33So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. 34Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. 35Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Be Ready at Any Hour
(Genesis 6:1-7; Mark 13:32-37; Luke 12:35-48)

36But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. 37But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 40Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 41Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

42Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. 43But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. 44Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

45Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? 46Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 47Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. 48But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; 49And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; 50The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, 51And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The Parable of the Sower Explained
(Mark 4:13-20)

Jesus will now go through the parables He had just used for the benefit of His Disciples. Once they understand the basics of the parables then other parables start to make sense.

Remember why Jesus said He spoke in parables?

> ***Matthew 13: 10And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? 11He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. 12For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. 13Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. (Emphasis mine)***

As Jesus explains the parables to His disciples and we can listen in, we also get the understanding of what He was actually saying.

As we go through the next verses a pattern develops. Jesus first gives the good result and then the bad result. Each result is dependent on acceptance and obedience. He may use crops as the crop itself is designed to grow in obedience to its maker. God designed fruit, trees, vegetables, all of His creation to function in a specific way. The seed determined what it would become, it was not so much as a seed having obedience as the seed was designed to function in a specific way, no other way was

designed. Until man got his hands on God's Creation. More on that later.

> **18Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. 19When 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. 20But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon (amazed) with joy receiveth it; 21Yet 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. 22He 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. 23But 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. (emphasis and addition mine)**

Good seed is the Truth from God. Jesus explained even though the good seed was sown there are other factors in an evil world that can affect the germination for lack of a better term. Good seed falling on fertile ground will grow and produce good fruit.

Satan not being happy with any of God's Truth reaching the ears of humanity tries a variety of means to destroy or at least damage the growing process. We are warned that false things would come. They will come in the form of those claiming to be Christ.

They will come in the form of false teachers, of false or deceiving pastors that exchange the Word of God for false doctrines, whole manmade religions that rebel against God and change the Word of God to a socially acceptable lie.

> **The Parable of the Weeds**
> ***(Ezekiel 17:1-10)***
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> **24Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: 25But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. 26But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27So 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? 28He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 30Let 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.**

This parable also has several dynamics; good seed planted in good soil. The Good Seed, God's Truth received by sinners accepting God's Gift of Salvation.

Satan not being happy with that then puts among these new Believers wolves in sheep's clothing. It could even be a pastor or

someone like me as a teacher. It can be a friend a relative that has refused God's Gift of Salvation. In any case it grows right alongside the New Believer, perhaps even looking like a believer but in reality, a fake.

There are many people today who attend church regularly, listen intently and hear little to no Truth. Yet they will self-declare that they are Christians, full believers. One possible test is the obedience in studying God's Word for yourself. Many if not most church going people rely solely on Sunday or Saturday services as their full allotment of God's Word. They spend no time reading and studying God's Word for themselves. You have to study God's Word for yourself. If you only listen to people like me you will only think like me. Do it for yourself and be like the Bereans:

> ***Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.***

In this parable Jesus declares what we already know about judgement. God does not weed out the unbeliever from the Believer, He warns us about such things and expects us to be aware and gives us the ability to "test the spirits", examine the fruit of the person, not judge them, that is up to God, but just look at the fruit. Is it good fruit or not so good fruit?

God has declared when judgement takes place; The Great White Throne Judgement.

Why does God allow such evil people as Hitler, Stalin, Musalinie, Putin, the Anti-Christ, the False Prophet, the Beast etc.? Judgement is coming and if they refuse to repent then judgement it will be.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed
(Mark 4:30-34; Luke 13:18-19)

31Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: 32Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

Heaven is filled with God's Love, Mercy and Grace. He uses the example of a small seed when put in the right location under the right conditions it produces amazing results and is fit for eternity for True Believers.

The Parable of the Leaven
(Judges 20:18-23; 2 Samuel 2:12-32; 2 Chronicles 13:4-19; Luke 13:20-21)

33Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

In this parable Jesus uses “meal” which is flour. It is a picture of the world filled with humanity. Three measures is about 50 pounds, so it is a large about of flour.

Often in the Bible “leaven” is equated to “sin”. In this case Jesus uses it as an example of its permeating power.

Inside that massive amount of flour the woman, depicting someone working within God’s Kingdom and at God direction puts in leaven; yeast a small agent known for its ability to permeate the entirety of what it is in, causing it all to grow.

God has given us Salvation at great cost to Him through His Son Jesus. Our task is to aid in the putting in of the “leaven” yeast to continue to allow the entire Kingdom of God to Grown.

> **I will Open My Mouth in Parables**
> ***(Psalm 78:1-72)***
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> **34All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:**
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> **35That 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.**

Parables unexplained become unsolved riddles to those who can not understand. Jesus said the reason in Matthe4w 13:10-13

***Matthew 13:** 10And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? 11He answered and said unto them, **Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.** 12For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. 13Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. (Emphasis mine)*

The Parable of the Weeds Explained
(Zephaniah 1:1-6)

36Then 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. 37He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; 38The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked *one*; 39The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. 40As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. 41The 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; 42And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Once Jesus explains the meaning of the parable many things start to become clearer to the disciples. The same with we as

Christians, but it requires an effort on our part to set time aside to study God's Word, so we can read for ourselves what God said.

Now understanding how Jesus uses parables and the meaning behind different types of things used; can you start to comprehend the parables without further explination?

> **The Parables of the Treasure and Pearl**
> ***(Matthew 6:19-21)***
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> **44Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.**

What is Jesus talking about in this parable?

The treasure is the Kingdom of God, Wisdom, Mercy, Grace and Love. Not all will find it, but when someone does its value is astonishing. So astonishing that a person is willing to give up everything they have in order to gain this prize.

> **45Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: 46Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.**

Similar in its meaning, a person finds something of immense value, so much so that all they had is meaningless to them, they must have this "pearl". So, they willingly give up all they had up till

then and purchase this “pearl”. The purchase price for this pearl is what? Your life.

The Parable of the Net
(Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 1:35-42)

47Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: 48Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. 49So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, 50And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

This net that God deploys is designed to catch everything in its path. It gathers all of humanity into one large group and then as these fishermen do, God sorts out the good from the bad. The saved from the unsaved. It is like the harvest of the wheat, God does not sort out the tears of evil until it is time for the harvest, then the tears are removed from the good wheat, the Believers.

51Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. 52Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe *which is* instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man *that is* an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure *things* new and old.

Interestingly Jesus asks them if they understand and they all say yes. Now Jesus hits them with a bit more obscure parable. What does this parable say to you?

The term “scribe” during Jesus time was one educated in the Law. This was expanded through the New testament to include anyone who has recived the Truth and Believes in Jesus as Messiah. Jesus likened this scribe or Believer to one who owns a house with treasure in the house in various rooms. Through instruction the Believer received from God’s Word and through the Holy Spirit, the Believer as the home owner knows he/she is to share these treasures IE: the Truth with the world.

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth
(Isaiah 61:1-11; Matthew 2:19-23; Mark 6:1-6; Luke 2:39-40; Luke 4:16-30)

53And it came to pass, *that* when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence. 54And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this *man* this wisdom, and *these* mighty works? 55Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? 56And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this *man* all these things? 57And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house. 58And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

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