



UNFOLDING
THE MYSTERIES
OF THE KINGDOM:

STUDIES IN THE PARABLES OF JESUS

A Dragnet

Matthew 13:47-52



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Kingdom —> Dragnet
Sea —> World
Good Fish —> Faithful
Bad Fish —> Unfaithful
Sorting —> Judgement



Emphasis: The Judgement

- Why?
 - To separate the faithful from the unfaithful
- When?
 - The end of the age



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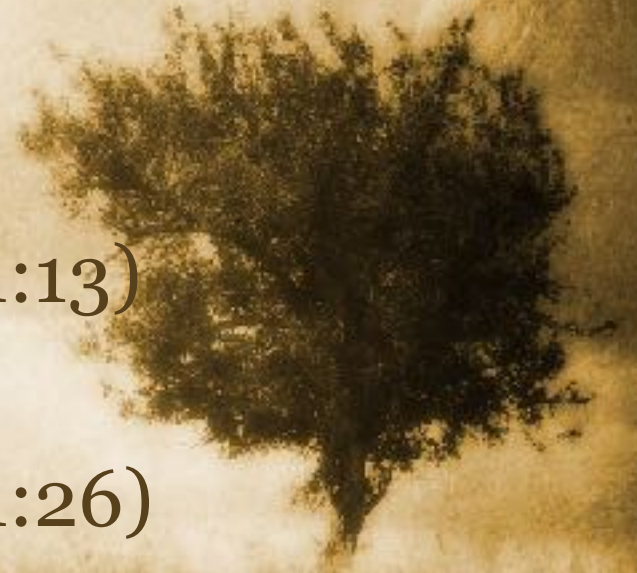
- Who?
- Unfaithful in the world
 - John 16:7-11, 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
- Unfaithful in the kingdom
 - Matthew 7:15-23, 13:41-42



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- False Prophets (Matthew 7:15)
- False Apostles (2 Corinthians 11:13)
- False Teachers (2 Peter 2:1)
- False brothers (2 Corinthians 11:26)
- False Christ (Matthew 24:24)



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Confidence that we have:

- Colossians 1:13-14
 - Rescued us and transferred us
- 1 Peter 1:3-5
 - Born again, inheritance given, protects us
- 2 Peter 1:10-11
 - Abundantly supplied entrance into eternal kingdom



Planting with Patience

Mark 4:26-29



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Kingdom —> Man

Seed —> Word (?)

Soil —> Men's Hearts (?)

Growth —> God's part, not ours

Harvest —> Obedience (?)



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Emphasis: God's part, not ours

- We plant, water, wait...small parts
- We witness amazing results
- We harvest at the right time
- God is working in ways we do not understand!

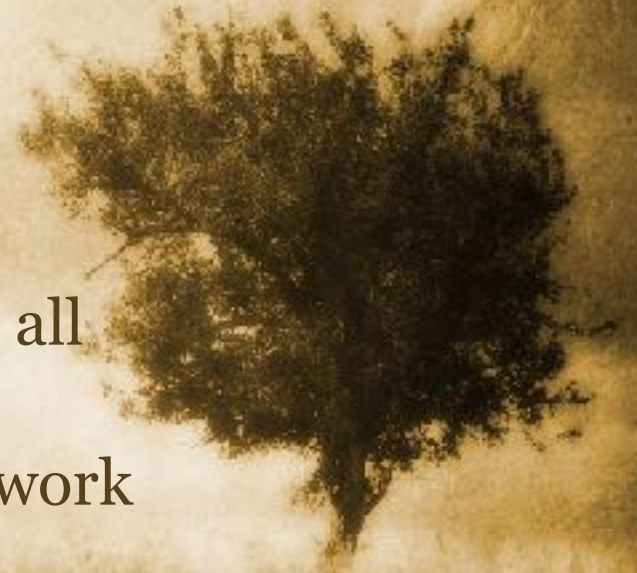


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Consider the following:

- 2 Timothy 2:6 - We work hard with God
- 2 Timothy 4:2 - We are prepared during all seasons
- James 5:7 - We patiently wait for God's work
- Colossians 1:28-29 - We are God's tools
- 1 Corinthians 3:6 - Ultimately, God causes the growth



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Lessons:

- Sow the seed - teach
- Cultivate (implied) - encourage
- Wait patiently in faith for God to work
- Harvest when it is time - bring them in!
- Romans 1:16-17 or James 1:21?

