



PARABLES

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Welcome to Jesus Time where we spend time with Jesus in His time and culture.

As we have learned Jesus has just thwarted a 3-fold scheme of lies charged against Him by the Jerusalem Scribes. First, they accused Jesus of not only being evil but also of being demonic while finally declaring Him to be insane.

Jesus explains that this is the very definition of “Blaspheming” (sacrilege) against the Holy Spirit.

As in the only unforgivable Sin:

Is denying Him Jesus as our Lord & Savior.

You see it is the plan of the Great I AM to provide His one and only “Way” for Sinful humanity to be purchased at a price (paying for our Sin) before Pure, Holy, and Just Heavenly Father.

So, Jesus then did His part as part of the Holy Trinity by being born human and then living a perfect Sinless life as our Christ while finally paying for our Sin cost upon His cross.

Why?

✝ For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23 KJV

Thusly finally it becomes the work of the Holy Spirit to compel us as for our need to be redeemed to GOD by Faith of Belief through His Grace (Jesus) when we become convinced of our certain criminal conviction against GOD’S Word/Law by our Sin.

Simple as that. Jesus pays our Sin debt unto Holy GOD that is if we let Him.

Meaning a child can understand the simple Gospel truth message of Jesus Christ and yet scholars can spend lifetimes unraveling what the scriptures call the “paramount mystery of GOD.” (Rev.10:7)

Salvation. As in how we as Sinful human beings can be redeemed unto Heavenly Father.

OK, so additionally as Christ our Lord further explained while refuting the 3 lies of the Scribes- Jesus began to use a traditional Jewish Sage (codifying Law) style of teaching with this being Him using a parable meaning a morality contained within a story.

Morality stories were common in Israel in Jesus Time. This be because of the complexities of each Jewish and Roman Law parables aided not only children but also even adults in comprehension.

In Christ’s case His stories were more Theology within a parable that is if someone had heard Jesus Preach/Teach before as in having the Spiritual answers to unlock the door of understanding.

Now beginning here and twice more hence will Jesus teach with a series of Parables.

Obviously this initial series of parables were in reference to the Scribes official charges against Him.

After our Lord’s “Transfiguration” when His travels go into what is known as “ the valley of humiliation” Jesus will then detail a second series of parables. This 2nd series will be more evangelistic as in offering the Kingdom of GOD through Him to those who will receive & believe.

The final series of parables near the end of Christ our Lords Ministry will indeed serve as a warning. Meaning they are more judicial than evangelical as for those who reject Jesus.

As in the Kingdom of GOD will be presented at that time detailing only believers qualify to enter in.

This demonstrates there is a very distinct pattern to Christ our Lords presentation of His parables:

1st series: To establish and explain GOD’S (Thy) Kingdom come.

2nd series: To call those with Spiritual insight (Belief) into Thy Kingdom come.

3rd series: To conclude intake & initiate Thy Kingdom Come.

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✠ And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

Mark 4:26-29 ESV

Now we see that Jesus has made a total sudden and stark transition when speaking publicly by concealing His true intended meaning from the unbelieving.

Why?

Because now there are multiple legal charges filed against Him by the Scribes in Jerusalem.

The charge of insanity alone would discredit and confine Him, whereas the further charge of sorcery that of using demonic influence as for His unexplainable yet undeniable supernatural miracles were indeed if even seemingly proven true were punishable by death by stoning.

So, Jesus now wisely offers His Gospel unto everyone with the deeper mysteries of Thy Kingdom (to) Come, are in fact hidden within His parables with the key to comprehension being one's willingness to truly listen to Jesus all the while being receptive and acceptive of His teaching.

If someone stood afar & aloof skeptically distant from Jesus such as these would never get it or Him. Here Jesus points out that not even the farmer, the person giving Christ's Gospel, after sowing their seed can not know exactly when, if, or how the planted seed of Jesus's Grace by Faith shall grow.

As for “harvest when ripe” this is officially termed an “Eschatological” teaching for Why? Does Jesus ask us to believe in Him. Because Christ 100 % guarantees eternal life for those who believe in Him.

Yes, being willing to receive and believe in GOD with Jesus as our Christ is certainly our root of Faith and by continuing to read Scripture with Prayer this waters our seed of belief. In time our seed grows & matures day by day through rain & pain sustained by the Sonshine of this life Jesus Christ.

As for this then Spiritually mature or “ripe” person being cut down by the farmer when this seeds life cycle is done to be harvested- this is a description of a Saved person.

Jesus will this description time and again within His parables.

Christ Messiah is saying tis a very a good thing to be harvested by GOD!

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✠ Another parable he put before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the householder came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’

Matthew 13:24-30 RSV

This Christ given parable is known as the parable of Tares.

Again, English fails us here as the word Jesus uses for weeds (tare) within the original Greek is the exact word of "Darnel." (Bearded)

Which is actually a poisonous form of rye grass being forever known as wheats evil twin.

Darnel is also known as the "creeping wheat" and is common in the middle east and is nearly indistinguishable from actual wheat until the grain ear appears.

Make no mistake, Christ is clearly implying that another contemptuous Sower deliberately spread evil seed amongst the good for the express purpose of corrupting a bountiful harvest.

I.e. satan and his minions the fallen angels along with selfish unrepentant human beings working hard to literally plant evil not only in this world but especially including even within our Lord's Ministry.

This is Why? Jesus tells us to observe our Church Elders and or leaders because by watching them we can truly know their heart, Faith, and motivations by their fruit as in by what they say and then do.

Leaders proving and providing unselfish good Gospel fruit means they are indeed a good Church leader. While opposingly having no or rotten fruit as in discord/distrust they are not a Christ like leader.

Jesus warns of false teachers

✝ Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

Matthew 7:15-20 NIV

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✝ Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house; (Capernaum) and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. ³⁷ He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; (Himself) ³⁸ The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; (Believers) but the tares are the children of the wicked one; (Unsaved) ³⁹ The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; (This Age) 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. (Wheat separated from the chaff, Matt. 3:12)

⁴¹ The Son of man (Himself at His Second Coming) shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; (Unbelieving Sinful people and the rebellious fallen angels these offend GOD.)

⁴² And shall cast them into a furnace of fire (Judgement apart from Christ for Sin) there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. (sorrow & anger) ⁴³ Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. (Believers clothed in shining white light, Rev.19:8)

Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. (Those willing to Believe having Spiritual insight)

Matthew 13:36-43 KJV

Now knowing this it truly solidifies the intensity of the disparity between wheat good & weed evil. Again, here our Prophetic or Eschatological portion now becomes more pronounced. Jesus is saying He allows evil to continue even to grow and prosper because at this same time good is growing and to pluck evil right now would harm or hinder the good whose roots are unfortunately intertwined with the evil at this time.

However, in the end- this be the end of this age which we call the "Age of Grace" aka the Church Age, a reckoning of recompense meaning a dual reaping of harvest as in the gathering of the produce, the fruit of His Gospel this be us His believers with finally the inevitable weeding out as in the discarding of Sin & unbelief will commence by Christ our Lord when He returns a second time.

During Jesus's first Advent He came to us as a sacrificial lamb to atone for our Sin. (Mercy/Grace) Again, when He returns, He will come again as the Lion of Judah our conquering King. (Justice/Purity) All in GOD'S time and design not ours, ours is to trust with patience. Because all evil will be atoned! By which wheat and tare truly meaning Saved and Unsaved will then be separated with the good wheat into barns (Heaven) and the evil weed/tare/darnel gathered standing condemned in Sin to be deposed and disposed.

This was an absolutely new teaching by Christ Jesus in that again Jews had to be Faithful unto GOD or they too would also be separated and cast away. As in Jewish heredity alone was not enough to guarantee Salvation. As we have learned previously being the "chosen" people by GOD as in being Jewish does not mean automatic Salvation.

Rather it is more an apt description of occupation.

Because the Jewish people are literally a race created, selected, and then separated by Heavenly Father to be the worlds clergy. This will finally be accomplished for Christ during the Tribulation.(Rev.7)

Through the Jewish people GOD first gave His Word & Law then even Himself as Messiah Christ.

Now if this was all new Theological news unto the Jews then, than most certainly when Jesus states that Angels will do the future gathering & separating of all peoples of all times as directed by Christ, this was no doubt a startling Revelation that they too even the Jews must do right by GOD & not just be born a Jew to be automatically Saved.

John the Baptist who was technically the last Old Testament Prophet being the prophetic precursor to Christ, predicted that Messiah Jesus will cleanse the wheat threshing floor this means Jesus will yet future tense separate & judge everyone with all Sin either atoned for by His very blood or the unrepentant sinner will face GOD'S Wrath for their Sin totally alone.

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Jesus concludes

✝ He presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a person took and sowed in his field; ³² and this is smaller than all the other seeds, but when it is fully grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that THE BIRDS OF THE SKY come and NEST IN ITS BRANCHES. (A mature Christian provides refuge advice and protection to others.) Matthew 13:31-32 NASB

Here Jesus is referencing that when someone accepts His Gospel it starts as a simple small belief that Christ our Lord died for us thusly atoning for our Sin before Pure, Holy, & Just Heavenly Father. This small Belief in time transforms our entire existence.

Why? Because the Holy Spirit the third person of the Trinity indwells us at Salvation.

We literally then have the counsel of GOD guiding and advising us daily. Will we still fail even Sin? Of course we will because we are frail human beings made from dust but we will continue to learn and be ever growing Spiritually over our lifetime so much so that others can at times lean upon us.