



PARABLES

Heaven

## Heaven

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

Jesus having by now within a series of parables has compared His Gospel unto Spiritual seed that once sown if He is received then believed this seed of Faith can grow and if we are willing will produce yet even more seed- others through us in Christ's own image.

Then we whom are the Christ like seed when we are harvested our former lives having been crushed and threshed meaning we are but broken kernels inevitably revealing our Spiritual produce.

This be the fruit of us being set apart as Saved means set aside from this Sinful life by Jesus Christ for His service in "Thy Kingdom to Come of GOD."

This seed of Faith this be us, separating us as useful wheat from our former Sinful chaff.

As in when people are Saved at the Salvation of Christ we are then fermented or leavened with the Holy Spirit into the initial raw dough of us being produced from our sifted wheat kernels once we accept Christ and reject worldly lives. Then we are leavened as in learned with Spiritual maturity & are baked for Spiritual use or consumption if you please only after we rise as we learn and grow in Christ ultimately to serve Him within His Fathers Kingdom.

So, the Gospel seed of belief once heard and accepted being rooted in GOD'S Word will then grow in the Sonshine of GOD'S Love transforming us into useful seeds of wheat.

You see there really was a real progression within this first series of parables by which Salvation is being set apart for admittance and service into "Thy Kingdom Come" of Heaven tis our true overall purpose.

Jesus now concludes with His first series of parables with a 3 fold annotation of a Believer finding and gaining Heaven through Him. As in Why? Someone should could and would literally give up their very existence of who they are- their Sinful selves to better themselves meaning by, thorough, in, & for Him.

Jesus begins:

✝ The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Matthew 13:44 NIV

Historically what we often miss here is that the local synagogue was the actual place or bank of deposit with ones savings ultimately being transferred as in deposited within the Temple in Jerusalem.

Of course this means the fees and taxes upon ones deposited funds often exceeded any interest paid.

Get That?

Your Savings could and would vanish at the hands of the corrupt Scribes & Pharisees.

Especially widows savings and or pensions in which no new monies were coming in. (Mark 12:40)

With all official incomes known to the Pharisee's many people simply hid any unknown monies from labor, sales, or what so ever the source may be quite literally in an unknown location like buried in a field to avoid suspicion with a search and seizer by either Jewish or Roman authority.

Remember people would tattle for reward.

Guess this is Why? metal detectors are very popular in unusual or even out of the way places!

Ok, the field Jesus mentions is this world & the man is Spiritually poor I.e. unsaved residing in this world.

Then this man residing in the world within the happenstance of his life discovers Heaven as in how to attain admittance into Heaven which of course is through Jesus. Then at once he values and hides Christ within his heart. Jesus becomes the absolute treasure of his existence then with great joy the man surrenders all that he had formerly been in Sin to be transformed by and in Christ.

The Apostle Paul lived this very parable personally for Jesus.

Saul/Paul was fast tracked for the Jerusalem Sanhedrin by his hard work and dedication having achieved the full measure of Jewish dignity and respect. Paul himself addresses this very topic:

“Surrendering all for Christ.”

Remember historical documents and the Holy Scriptures do each record that even Caesars and Roman Governors plural each recognized & respected Paul’s intellect and unparalleled education.

Words of the Apostle Paul

✝ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.

Philippians 3:7-8 ESV

Paul lost prestige, respect, honor, privilege, and position.

Paul also remained single his entire adult life yet some say divorced after the controversy and turmoil surrounded him the rest of his days after his infamous and quite scandalous conversion to Christ.

Most embarrassingly so unto the Pharisee’s we can add. Yes, if Paul was married unto a legal Jewess the Pharisee’s would have taken her away from him for converting to Christ if she so wanted/permited.

Get that?

Saul before becoming Paul was without question the most eligible bachelor in all of Judaism within the Roman Empire all the while as he was just reaching the proper Jewish marrying age.

Yet as Paul which means “small” renamed from Saul as in initially named after Israel’s first King had everything- fame, power, and fortune already within his grasp.

Wealth was sure to follow in fact Saul/Paul already came from affluence but far more was in store.

But Paul knew and accepted that it was all a loss for him in order to be Christ’s chosen Apostle to the Gentiles. As in for us Paul suffered total loss of his former self in order to teach pagans no less about Jesus and His Cross. This is a totally selfless demonstration of repentance from Sin with Love for Christ.

Paul ultimately suffered a brutal dishonorable martyrs death in Rome, but in Heaven Paul has credited to his account millions of Gentile Souls that he indeed influenced for Christ! (24% of the NT is Paul)

Paul never sought it but he has eternal reward and glory for obediently surrendering all he was for Jesus. Can we too also be as Christ says? As in giving up being us for Him?

Paul did, in fact tis true we all do to a varying degree when we believe in Jesus!

Jesus continues

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

Matthew 13:45-46 KJV

Again Jesus compares finding Heaven as to the paramount treasure of all.

This time Jesus declares this man searching for valuable pearls (wisdom) unto a merchant trading in pearls of wisdom. In fact when the merchant discovers the ultimate pearl of wisdom; that of peace with Heavenly Father with additionally eternal life through Christ, this man happily transforms his very existence for eternal security against this world’s temporary creature comforts.

So now Jesus has just described each a seemingly Spiritually poor individual and another someone quite obviously searching for intellectual or philosophical answers. Each having delight at discovering our Lord. Remember this person of reason traded all that he was for Jesus because he deemed it more profitable and secure as in intellectual for himself to do so.

### Jesus Continues

✠ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 13:47-50 ESV

The Apostle fishermen brothers Peter & Andrew, also including James & John no doubt had previously actually fished for themselves in this manor.

As in a long net was stretched and lowered between two boats and then the boats moved together in a predetermined direction keeping the net taught entangling thusly snaring fish of all kinds.

Then when the sorting begins by Mosaic Law fish without scales or fins were considered to be unclean. This was a clear metaphor employed by Christ that He knew His Apostles would clearly understand.

That the Lord GOD allows evil, rebellion, & disobedience to Him as in all Sin to continue until it is His predetermined time that Sin shall come to an end with those rebellious unto Him to be sorted out.

Again this reference by Jesus is officially termed an “Eschatological” teaching.

This will happen as the Bible predicts at the end of this age when evil will be atoned for against those apart from Christ who are literally separated as they wished to be from GOD & remembered no more:

### Prophecy

✠ For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

Isaiah 65:17 RSV

### Future Fulfillment

✠ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, <sup>4</sup>and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.” And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then He said to me, “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give water to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life, without cost. <sup>7</sup>The one who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. <sup>8</sup>But for the cowardly, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and sexually immoral persons, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

Revelation 21: 1-7 NASB

Who overcomes the world and gets in- this is New Jerusalem?

✝ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:4-5 NIV

So now time and again Jesus is guaranteeing Heaven for those who believe in Him. This be unto those who overcome their Sin within and the evils of this world by believing in Him. Yet it is also true that not only did Jesus come to us providing His Gospel of Grace by Faith- But did you know that Christ Himself gives to us more warnings about Hell as the consequence of our Sin as in the final destination for those who reject Him as their personal Savior than anywhere else in the entirety of Holy writ combined? Yes Jesus is Love but He also warns of Hell. Remember Jesus prove His Words to be true by healing the sick and raising the dead. (undisputed)

Jesus Concludes

✝ Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." <sup>53</sup> And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there,

So Jesus began this particular series of parables by describing the joy people feel when they discover the Salvation of Heaven through Him all the while He further explains that GOD does allow evil to continue for now until the end of this age when Christ Himself will separate the believing from the unbelieving as in the ultimate consequence for each belief and unbelief in Him.

Now considering the importance of this eternal decision, this be for each & every individual our Lord concluded this message with a message for those relaying His Gospel unto others.

If you read between the lines of course our Lord has now just informed those familiar with GOD'S Law (Old Testament) to now be prepared to add unto the Law Christ's New Gospel of Grace by Faith.

This is a fine demonstration of "let those with Spiritual ears hear."

Because with criminal charges ever looming over his head Jesus just said it without saying it: "I give to you a New Covenant a New Testament" without actually saying those exact words.

Note Jesus never once says to disregard the Law or Prophets but that He is the embodiment the very fulfillment of GOD'S Law. (Matthew 5:17)

Now as we conclude here again note the word "scribe" underlined in the above passage.

Think about it; the Scribes having previously tried 3 times to bring false charges against Jesus- So now our Lord concluded with for those giving out His Gospel, that they the official scribes of GOD'S Law, are no scribe at all if they can not give to the people all of GOD'S Law.

Both the Old and New as in His everlasting Truth of Jesus as our Christ in a New Testament.