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Matthew 13:47-50

**OK Church, I Need You to Get Ready for This Introduction.
I need you to loosen up, focus, clean out your ears – prepare your heart.**

Matthew 13:1-3a

On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. **:2** And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. **:3a** Then He spoke many things to them in **parables**

Matthew 13:47-50

47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a **dragnet** that was cast into the **sea** and gathered some of every kind, **48** which, when it was full, **they** drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away.

49 So it will be at the end of the age. **The angels** will come forth, separate the **wicked** from among the **just**, **50** and cast them into the furnace of fire.

There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

This parable has a companion, the wheat and the tares and the intermingling of true believers with the false. So, it makes for a solemn parable and “repeat” regarding its meaning and warning.

This Parable lands before us like a Rock.

Because it tells us that there is an end coming and no man or woman will escape it.

A Real-Time Warning for Us Today

There is an increasing number of “religionists” these days saying that there is no way that Jesus was really warning us about a hell but that He was just trying to make a point. Church – always be careful when people show up knowing more about the Bible than Jesus Christ who was the Bible in the flesh.

Christian – Note This: *None of the cults believe in a literal hell. (How convenient is that for Satan?) To get the lost so lost and deceived that if they should doubt the Devil’s doctrines, they can always rest their minds on the delusion that there is really no hell to worry about anyway.*

James Montgomery Boice

Says that the sobering main point of the parable is thus: *A day of reckoning will come in which God will separate the true believers from mere pretenders, and those found to be false will be cast into hell.*”

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THE PARABLE OF THE DRAGNET

THE GOOD. THE BAD AND THE UGLY

1.) The Gospel into the world - Good

Matthew 13:47-48

47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, **48** which, when it was full, they drew to shore;

This is Now, Us Today – Our Time Zone in History

All of the Disciples would have understood

this perfectly well. Fishing on the Galilee was as common as life itself.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a Dragnet

To the first century individual this was a comforting thing to hear. The Kingdom is Like a Dragnet? – Yes. It scoops up everyone, that is; the Kingdom message reaches everyone and in degrees effects everyone -/+.

Dragnet = The Gospel

The dragnet was as its name implies – a wide, broad and deep water net weighted with lead balls. It is totally indiscriminate - bringing in everything in its path, all type of fish and “things.” The fisherman would then carefully separate the catch.

The Sea = The World

Throughout the Old and New Testaments, the sea is always representing the world and often, not always - the gentiles of the world. To the Jewish mindset, the sea is an unclean thing.

Revelation 21:1

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

And they gathered (some of) (every kind)

This isn't a limitation – it is an observation

that ALL ARE INVITED but not all who are invited respond and among those who do respond - - there are the true and false.

Revelation 5:9

And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of (taken out from, not all but some) every tribe and tongue and people and nation...”

H. Lockyer

“Plying the sea with the Gospel net, they were to fish for the souls of men. All those who have been caught by the Gospel make it their aim to fish for family, friends and foes alike.”

Jesus is Also Predicting the Spread of the Gospel.

Mark 1:16-18

And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. **17** Then Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” **18** They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

The Church and Its Preaching of the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth is like this:

The Kingdom of Heaven

The “ministry life” of the Christian is the advancement of the kingdom message. It’s a message that demands more than words. It only works effectively when what is said matches up with what is lived. - (Authentic Christianity)

The global effectiveness of the Gospel is undeniable.

The world has been reached with the Good News and now only pockets of people need to hear. The Dragnet parable displays the vast and wide sweeping scope of the preaching of the cross.

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2.) The Understanding of the world – Good & Bad

And they (fishermen / angels) sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away.

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3.) The Separation from the world – Ugly

49 So it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just

The End of The Age = (1) The End of The Church Age or (2) The End of the Gospel’s Presentation. (1) Is at the Rapture and (2) Is at the Second Coming.

Jesus’ Main Driving Point is This:

- That (1) The False Dwell Among the True.
- (2) The End of the Age will Separate them Both.

For the last 2,000 years – this world has only known the influences of God’s graces. As messed up as this world is – it is still under divine grace. (The end of the age or epoch of grace will cease and then comes God’s wrath & judgment)

The Church has been commissioned by Jesus Christ to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth as effectively and as timely as possible.

**When Jesus sent out the 12;
He told them to stay focused on the task at hand.**

The Mention Here of Both Wicked & Just is Awesome.

The Massive Spread of the Gospel & The Responsibility of Man.

John 12:32-33 NLT

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.

33 He said this to indicate how he was going to die.

As we are now at the end of the age, the gospel is available now more than any other time in all of human history.

Church – think about it right now, at this very second if anyone wants to hear the gospel they can hear it– ***but will they receive it?***

The angels will come forth, to separate **sever / bisect**

These Are Real Biblical Angels Under Orders

Don't think for a moment that when the angels come to separate the true believers from the false believers that these will be **little chubby 3 foot long naked bubble-buttred babies** with wings as they smile at you and shoot you with a rubber dart.

(That kind of angel only hangs in grandmother's hallway)

What Fellowship Has Light with Darkness?

What Does it Mean to be "Walking in the Light?"

1 John 1:5-7

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. **6** If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Since God is Light, and Adam and Eve once walked with God then it suggests that original man must have been in the light of understanding. In the light of wisdom. In the light of love. In the light of communion with God and His creation.

It was LIGHT enough;

To walk and talk with God / to live eternally / to be sinless / to talk to animals

1 John 1:8-9

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9
If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Separation is a good thing, church. We all know people who just can't get along & refuse to function within a church. They can't do it because it's not all about them. They have to be the center of attention. When they are not – they drum up controversy, drama, debate with hopes that they come out the star player.

1 John 2:19

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

There are people who have a hard time with church. (Because Jesus is in His Church)

**They have an unconverted heart which is displayed by an unsettled spirit.
They are contentious. They generate tension. They foam up the waters.
Wherever they go – people are put under a cloud of “something.”**

Jude 3-13 NLT

Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people. 4 I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have

denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. **5** So I want to remind you, though you already know these things, that Jesus first rescued the nation of Israel from Egypt, but later he destroyed those who did not remain faithful. **6** And I remind you of the angels who did not stay within the limits of authority God gave them but left the place where they belonged. God has kept them securely chained in prisons of darkness, waiting for the great day of judgment. **7** And don't forget Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring towns, which were filled with immorality and every kind of sexual perversion. Those cities were destroyed by fire and serve as a warning of the eternal fire of God's judgment. **8** In the same way, these people—who claim authority from their dreams—live immoral lives, defy authority, and scoff at supernatural beings. **9** But even Michael, one of the mightiest of the angels, did not dare accuse the devil of blasphemy, but simply said, "The Lord rebuke you!" (This took place when Michael was arguing with the devil about Moses' body.) **10** But these people scoff at things they do not understand. Like unthinking animals, they do whatever their instincts tell them, and so they bring about their own destruction. **11** What sorrow awaits them! For they follow in the footsteps of Cain, who killed his brother. Like Balaam, they deceive people for money. And like Korah, they perish in their rebellion. **12** When these people eat with you in your fellowship meals commemorating the Lord's love, they are like dangerous reefs that can shipwreck you. They are like shameless shepherds who care only for themselves. They are like clouds blowing over the land without giving any rain. They are like trees in autumn that are doubly dead, for they bear no fruit and have been pulled up by the roots. **13** They are like wild waves of the sea, churning up the foam of their shameful deeds. They are like wandering stars, doomed forever to blackest darkness.

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4.) The Wages of the world – Bad-Ugly

50 and cast them into the furnace of fire.
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Pastor, How Can You Justify This Kind of Action?

Only this way - The sacrifice of Jesus Christ must have been so awesome, so priceless, so perfect and so valuable that such punishment is proper.

**Hell is not some extreme act by a Holy Righteous God.
It is the exact, accurate and a just reward for refusing God.**

Hebrews 3:2

For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, **3** how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation,

What About the guy with the bone in his nose who has never heard?

Romans 1:18-20

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, **19** because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. **20** For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

What about you who have heard? – What kind of fish are you?

John 9:4

I must work the works of Him who sent Me **while it is day**;
the night is coming when no one can work.

2 Timothy 4:5

But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions,
(why?) do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Need Some Motivation?

This Parable Ought to Do It.

This is the scenario which you and I are living right now.

Looking at my grandkids the other day, I started thinking about their lives ahead of them if Jesus doesn't come back soon.

And if you are 50 years old you will most likely live to see the year 2043

If you are 25 years old tonight, you will see the year 2068

Emmy is almost 3 years old. If she lives an average age for a woman, she will live to see the year 2090

**There are babies on this campus tonight
that will see the year 2,100 unless Jesus returns.**

This is Sobering.

You and I as Christians, sharing the gospel at every opportunity, are in fact co-laboring with Jesus Christ and His Angels.

(Christian, we work for God and labor among the angels by the power of the Holy Spirit for the furtherance of the Gospel)

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

**Let's Pray Tonight Regarding The Holy Spirit
I Want to Invite You to Come Forward Tonight**

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<

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