



Matthew 13:30-58 (04/22/12) Biblical Discussion

What are parables?

To you, what is the kingdom of heaven like? **Matt. 13:31**

What does the parable mean to you? **Matt. 13:31-32**

Do we seek knowledge on things you do not understand? **Matt. 13:35**

What does the field and the seed stand for? **Matt. 13:38**

In your own perspective, what is the end of age? **Matt. 13:39**

What are the weeds and what will happen to them? **Matt. 13:41**

We know in Matt. 13:44 he sold all he had for treasure hidden in a field, what does that mean to you? **Matt. 13:44**

How far are you willing to go, to get what you are looking for? **Matt. 13:44-46**

By selection, have you ever been part of any good or bad groups before? **Matt. 13:47-50**

What does **Matt. 13:52** mean? **Matt. 13:52**

Has someone been amazed by your knowledge of God's word? **Matt. 13:54**

Have you ever been disrespected because of your past, or someone *knowing about* you? **Matt. 13:57**

Did Mary stay a virgin till death? **Matt. 13:55**

Why did Jesus not do a lot of miracles in his hometown? **Matt. 13:58**



The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

³¹ He told them another parable: “**The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.**”

³³ He told them still another parable: “**The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds^[b] of flour until it worked all through the dough.**”

³⁴ Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. ³⁵ So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.”^[c]

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “**The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. ⁴⁰ “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.**”

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

⁴⁴ “**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.**”

⁴⁵ “**Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.**”

The Parable of the Net

⁴⁷ “**Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away.**”

⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied. ⁵² He said to them, “**Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.**”

A Prophet Without Honor

⁵³ When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. ⁵⁴ Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. “Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?” they asked. ⁵⁵ “Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” ⁵⁷ And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “**A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home.**” ⁵⁸ And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.