

The Net and the Householder

Matthew 13:47-53

Introduction

Like the other 4 discourses of Jesus in Matthew (**Sermon on the Mount** [5-7], **Mission** [10], **Church** [18], **Olivet** [23-25]) it is considered a unified section

Context of Parables discourse

Focus on the **Kingdom of Heaven**

Finishing the last two parables, the **conclusion** of what the Kingdom of Heaven is like and the other what a **Scribe** of the Kingdom is like

The Net (47-48)

Again, the **kingdom of heaven** is like *a net* that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of *every kind*.

When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and *sorted* the good into containers but threw away the bad.

Interpretation (49-50)

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

The *angels* will come out and *separate* the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace.

In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

What is the net?
Who are the fish?

Jesus' Question (51)

Have you *understood* all these things?
They said to him, "Yes."

Do they really?
Matthew 15:16; 16:9
Yes...and no.

The Householder (52)

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*."

Who is the scribe?
What is the treasure?
What is meant by new/old?

Application/Participation

The Net - While there are many blessings and visible fruitfulness, laboring in the Kingdom can be difficult, disappointing, and discouraging

We are reminded that at the end of the age all things and all people will be sorted and all will be well

Therefore...1 Corinthians 15:58

The Householder - As disciples of Jesus who are given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom, we can see (progressively) the whole story put together

As we understand, we aren't to leave the treasure in storage, but bring out what we have presently for the good of others

Therefore...1 Corinthians 4:1-2
