

KINGDOM COME

Matthew 13:24-50

I. The kingdom of heaven *has come subtly*.

II. The kingdom of heaven *is coming steadily*.

III. The kingdom of heaven *will come suddenly*.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. When the Jews read the OT prophets, how did they expect the kingdom of the Messiah to come?
2. What is a parable, and how does Jesus correct common misunderstandings about His kingdom through these six kingdom parables?
3. What is the main message of the parables of the weeds and the net?
4. What is the main message of the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven?
5. What is the main message of the parables of the treasure and the pearls?
6. How do all of these parables come together to teach us that God's kingdom will come in three distinct stages? What are those stages? And why is it important for us to understand them?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. In what way(s) does Christ through His kingdom parables correct my misconceptions concerning His kingdom?
2. Am I engaged in the patient work of sowing and growing as I await the future harvest?
3. Is Jesus and His kingdom worth losing everything in this life to me?