



## **The Parable of the Drag Net!**

Matthew 13:47-53

**\*It's so interesting how the Parable of the Treasure & the Pearl are right before this!**

- **Matthew 13:44-46** **Why?**
- Both of these Parable's show that **Salvation** is the most valuable thing that you could ever find on this earth while you are here **BEFORE** you give an account to Jesus!
- When you do, *you are willing to give up all that you are for all that He is!* **Salvation!**
- See, if you don't find Salvation through Jesus Christ **now**...there will be a time when it is **too late!**
- **When will that time be? Welcome to the Parable of the Net...**

### **1. People will be caught for Jesus as we share the Good News of Jesus with them!**

- **Romans 1:16!** I am not ashamed of the Gospel! IT IS the power of God working unto Salvation! Nothing else!
- **Luke 10:1-3** - The catch is plentiful...start fishing for people that are away from God!
- **Mark 6:7** - Catching people for Christ is rescuing them from this dark and lost world!
- **John 4:35** - Catching people for Christ is making Heaven's attendance go up!
- Can you imagine one day seeing all of the people from around the world that followed Jesus!
- **Revelation 7:9**...what a day that this will be!

#### **A. Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43**

- The wheat and tares in the **same field**. **We are all here on this earth right now! But...**
- **Notice: The Angels will separate at the Judgment!** (We will talk some more on this in a moment)
- **Verse 39 & Verse 41**

#### **B. Matthew 25:32**

- The believers and non-believers.
- All people of every nation, tribe and language will be separated!
- All will stand before Christ one day! **2 Corinthians 5:10**

**2. Matthew 13:47 – “A fishing Net”**

- The drag net would be pulled and all kinds of fish would be caught in the net by the fishermen!
- They would drag it to shore, and then the fishermen would sort all the fish in it. They would keep the good and throw back in the bad.
- Matthews 13:47 – “All kinds of fish caught...”
- Judgment will be the sorting time for the believers and non-believers.

**3. Matthew 13:48 – “When the net was FULL and DRAGGED in...the fish were sorted...good kept and bad thrown out...”**

- There will be a TIME when God's Time Table is complete for us being here on earth as a whole!
- We are in the last days Acts 2:16-17 – “...in the last days...”
- Hebrews 1:1-2 – “...now in these final days...”
- I John 2:18 – “...the last hour (2x's)...”
- We definitely KNOW that we are in the last hour now! How? Matthew 25:6 – “At midnight...Look! The Bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet Him!”

**4. Matthew 13:49 – “At the CLOSE of the WORLD...”**

- Romans 14:10-12 / Hebrews 4:13 / Galatians 6:4-5 / Matthew 16:27
- Luke 19:10 – This is why Jesus came from heaven the 1<sup>st</sup> time so that we do not have to face His wrath...He took that for us on the cross! Paid in full!

**Close: This Parable is a WARNING to each of us that...**

- WE MUST get to people BEFORE the ANGELS do! 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10
- Angels are not fat little naked babies! Our society has dumbed down angels! The angels here in this parable will be the sorters in the final Judgment!
- If we do not reach people now...it will be too late!
- This is the assignment, mission and purpose of the Good News of Jesus!
- Salvation before it's too late!
- Romans 10:13-15 – so powerful an image of what you and I need to be doing!
- Fact: There will be a close of the world!
- Are you ready?
- Are you ready to also reach others?
- People's lives depend on hearing the Good News!
- Today is the day of Salvation the Bible says! 2 Corinthians 6:2 Don't put it off!

**Joel 3:14 – “Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the Day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.”**

- I pray today that you choose Jesus! That you decide to follow Jesus! No turning back...no turning back!