

A Study of Matthew

Matthew 13:24-57

Lesson 12

Assignment for next Week — Read Matthew 14:1-36 Memory Verse — Matthew 13:44

In the later part of the 13th chapter Jesus tells many parables about the Kingdom's nature and worth. We find the parable of the mustard seed, of the leaven, of the tares, of the treasure in a field, of the pearl of great price, and of the dragnet. These lesson teach us different traits of the Kingdom.

The parable of mustard seed teaches us about how some things that may seem small or have a small start can become very large. The mustard seed would have been the smallest seed known to these people, yet it grew into the largest herb that these people would have known. The church though it had a small beginning with the twelve apostles grew until it was known throughout the whole world.

The parable of the leaven teaches about the ability of the kingdom to permeate. The Kingdom again is describe as starting as something small, but has the ability to go throughout all. The kingdom permeated the world in the life of the apostles. Today we too should seek to permeate wherever we are with God's gospel.

The parable of the tares and of the dragnet both teach us about the end of the world. There will be a time of separation. Everyday God gives us is precious and each day we should seek to live for him. Today we may not always understand why good happens to all and why bad happens to all. We may not understand why the wicked may not be punished immediately; however, we know God has appointed a day to separate the wicked

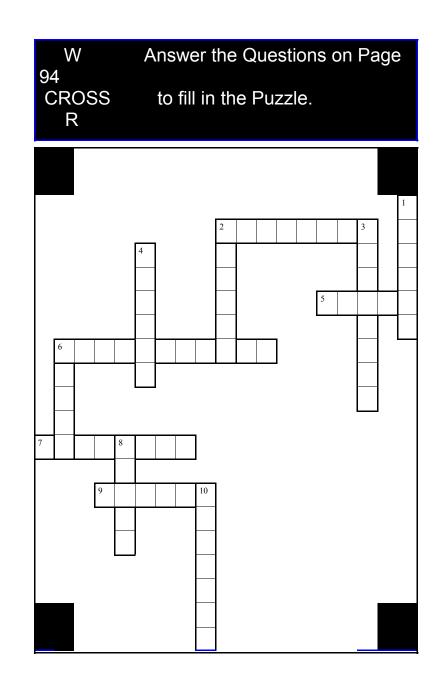
from the righteous. The righteous shall go onto glory while the wicked will be cast into the fiery furnace.

The parable of the pearl of great price and the treasure in the field teach the same lesson, but from two different perspectives. Both parables teach us that the Kingdom is worth more than everything we may have. In both parables the men sell all their possessions that they might have that which is of most value. In the parable of the field a man finds a treasure in a field and goes and sells what he has that he might have that field. In the same manner when someone stumbles upon God's kingdom they find it is worth their whole self that they might become part of it.

The parable of the pearl of great price is about a man who is a pearl merchant and who spends his time looking for the best pearl. One day he finds a very great pearl and desires to possess it. To possess it he must sell all that he has that he might have that one great pearl. This parable is similar to those who are seeking the will of God for their life and when they find it they will gladly give up all they have ever known before to serve God the way He would want them too. Both of those parables teach us the value of the Kingdom. God's Kingdom is worth our whole self and all that we have.

Match the scripture with the Parable.

a. 13:24-30	b. 13:33	c. 13:31-32
d. 13:44	e. 13:45-46	f. 13-47-50
1. Parable of the Dragnet		
2. Parable of the Tares		
3. Parable of	the Treasure in a field	I



Cross Word Fun for Learning

Across

2. What the birds rested in after the tiny mustard seed grew? (13:31-32)

5. The types of things a man sold that he might have one very precious one? (13:45)

6. Who brought out of his treasure things new and old?(13:53)

7. What a man found in a field that made him sell all he had to buy the field.(13:44)

9. These were thrown into the fiery furnace.(13:50)

Down

- 1. Who are the reapers at the end of the world? (13:39)
- 2. What was done to the weeds(tares)? (13:30)

3. What will the angels do do with the righteous and wicked at the end of the world?(13:49)

4. What when put in flour will work all through it until it has permeated it all?(13:33)

6. A prophet is without this in his hometown.(13:57)

8. The righteous will ______ like the sun in their Father's kingdom.(13:43)

10. What was cast into the sea and caught many different things?(13:47)

Lesson 11 - Across - 4.Righteous, 7. Hundredfold, 8. Sower, 9. Seeds, 11. Wayside - Down - 1. Hear, <u>2 Mysteries, 3 Ship, 5 Thorns, 6 Roots, 10 Stony</u> 4. Parable of the Mustard seed

5. Parable of the Pearl of Great Price

_____ 6. Parable of the Leaven

Fill in the Verses

 1. (Luke 12:15)
 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of ______: for a man's life ______ not in the ______ of the ______ which he possesseth.

2. (Mat 16:26) For what is a man _____, if he shall gain the whole ______, and _____ his own soul? or what shall a man give in ______ for his _____?

Questions

1. What was the meaning of the Parable of the tares?

2. What was the meaning of the parable of the mustard seed?

3. What was the meaning of the parable of the leaven?

4. How are the parables of the mustard seed and leaven similar? How are they different?

5. What was the meaning of the Parable of the treasure in the field?

6. What was the meaning of the Parable of the Pearl of great Price?

7. How are the parables of the treasure in the field and the pearl of great price similar? How are they different?

8. What can we learn from the parable of the Dragnet?

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1. (Mat 1:23)Behold, a shall be with child, and shall bring forth a, and they shall call his name, which being interpreted
with .
2. (Mat 3:1-2)In those days came the
Baptist, in the wilderness of Judaea, And
saying, ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at
3. (Mat 3:15)And Jesus answering said unto him,
It to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil
it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all Then he suffered him. 4. (Mat 4:4)But he answered and said, It is,
Man shall not live by alone, but by every
that proceedeth out of the mouth of
5. (Mat 5:16)Let your so shine before,
that they may see your works, and
that they may see your works, and your which is in
6. (Mat 6:33) But ye first the kingdom of, and his; and all these things shall be unto you.
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7. (Mat 9:36-37)But when he saw the multitudes, he was
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