

# Matthew 13

- Collection of parables focused on the dynamics of the Kingdom of God in the present age
- **Parable** – everyday story taken from real life that communicates spiritual truth; often has surprise/twist
- **Parables in ch 13 answering:**
  - If Jesus is the Messiah, then why is He being rejected?
  - Why isn't the Kingdom Jesus is establishing making more of an impact?

## MATTHEW RECAP



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- **Parable of the sower** - effectiveness of the Kingdom in a person's life is directly tied to the condition of that person's heart
- **Parable of the Weeds** – the people of God and the people of the devil will coexist until Judgment
- **Parables of Mustard Seed and of the Leaven/Yeast** - Kingdom grows over time both in size (Mustard Seed) and influence (Leaven/Yeast)

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# Parable of the Treasure and the Pearl

- **Main truth** – the Kingdom of God is of supreme worth/value
- **Find** – to come upon something either accidentally or purposefully
  - **Treasure in the field** – man stumbles upon
  - **Pearl** – man diligently seeks out
- **Both** - recognize value when they see it and do what it takes to obtain

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# Parable of the Net

- **Main truth** – righteous and wicked will coexist until Final Judgment
- **Parallel to Parable of Weeds**
  - **Weeds** – emphasize patience; God is patient because He wants all to be saved
  - **Net** - emphasizes preparedness; don't know when End will come and therefore we need to be ready at all times

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# What were gains to me I now consider loss for sake of Christ

- Looking back at a decision made in the past that has present day implications
- After my conversion I evaluated all the advantages I had due to the circumstances of my birth and my life as a Pharisee. In light of Jesus I determined those advantages were actually a disadvantage to me and that evaluation has carries over to today.

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# I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ

- Ongoing/continual action
- And it is not just those things from my past, but anything and everything that competes with my trust in Jesus – my track record, my strengths, my resources - that I daily determine to be a liability

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# I consider them garbage that I may gain Christ

- Increasing intensity
- As I am continuing to evaluate everything in my life in light of my ongoing trust in Jesus, I see every opportunity to trust in myself, in my track record, in my strengths, not just as a liability but actually as street filth because knowing Jesus is so much better/greater

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Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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