

Sermon Notes



Title: "Things Thrown Out of the Kingdom and Things That Remain"

Text: Matthew 13:47-52

Theme: Right now, the Kingdom of God has foreign elements in it that will not remain forever. But they are there for a purpose. If we understand this, our experience in the Church will be more rooted and established in Christ Who is the foundation and the cornerstone.

I. The Parable of the Net Shows Us That the _____
Will Include the _____ But Only for a Designated
_____ (47-50)

II. The Parable of the Master of the House Points Out the Need for
_____ and Afterwards the Free
_____ Both of What Is _____ and
_____ Regarding the Kingdom

III. Applications

A. _____ and _____ will not be
_____ from our experience in the Church
until the _____ of the age.

B. We must not _____ or
_____ the " _____ " when the
" _____ " arrives.

C. Without _____ in the truths of Scripture, your
_____ for blessing others is
_____.

Next Week Read: Hebrews 13:7-16

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. To what did Jesus compare the Kingdom of Heaven that fisherman in that day commonly used to catch fish (v. 47)?
2. What was caught in the net (v. 47b)?
3. Once the fishermen brought the catch to the shore, what task did they perform (v. 48)?
4. What does this parable teach about the Kingdom of Heaven during the present time?
5. When will the sorting of the good from the bad take place (v. 49a)?
6. Who will come and separate the good from the bad in the Kingdom of Heaven (v. 49b)?
7. What will happen to the unrighteous after this separation (v. 50)?
8. What kind of a place will it be for those who are separated from the righteous (v. 51b)?
9. To what (or whom) does Jesus compare those who understand the secrets of His Kingdom (v. 52a)?
10. What kind of blessings do those have who are trained in matters of God's Kingdom (v. 52b)?
11. How does the Parable of the Net prepare God's people to view the Kingdom and the Church in this present time?
12. Why do you suppose that God allows the Kingdom of Christ to be populated with those who are not true believers?
13. How might this parable inform you about what to expect from life in the Church?
14. How do you tell a real believer from a phony?
15. How does a person know if he or she is a genuine follower of Christ?
16. Lately various parts of the Church have come under heavy scrutiny, criticism, and condemnation for having nefarious people within it that have preyed upon the very vulnerable and innocent. Should leaders in the Church be satisfied with excusing such occurrences by pointing out that no church is perfect? How does this parable help you to understand such things like this that happen? How can the Church be more vigilant to prevent such abuse?
17. How do we frequently denigrate what is old and traditional in the Church simply because it is old and traditional? Can you think of any examples where new things are denied and despised simply because they are new?
18. Give an example of an Old Testament law or precept that still has validity and meaning even though the outward form may be obsolete (for example, see Matthew 5:38; 1 Corinthians 9:9; 1 Timothy 5:18; or Hebrews 9).
19. Even though the sacrifices, the ceremonial laws, the ritual purifications, and the peculiar civil laws of Israel are no longer in force, can we still learn from them? Why? How?
20. In what ways and manners are you being trained in the truths of Scripture so that your power to bless others is increased and expanded?