

The Parable of the Net and the End of the World Matthew 13:47-51

Introduction: Our theme today is the “end of the world...” Jesus spoke often about the end of the world and judgment and heaven and hell...in fact He spoke of hell more often than He did of heaven...

I. An Amazing Illustration used...

A. The story given... vs. 47-48

B. The meaning clarified... vs. 49-50

1. A great day for the believer is coming...
2. An awful and frightening day is coming for the unbeliever...

Observation:

C. Jesus asks an important question... vs. 51

Observations:

II. Three Vital Considerations

A. The End is not yet... vs. 47

1. There is a time for fishing...
2. The net is the Gospel...
 - a. Christians have been fishing for men with this net over the ages...
 - b. Don't take the Gospel lightly...
3. The end of the world must come...

Application:

B. At the end of the world there will be a final solemn separation of believers from unbelievers... vs. 48-49

1. The holy angels are assigned the task...
2. A day of separation is certain... *see Matthew 24:25, 40-41; 25:31-33*
 - a. The evil... we are all law breakers...

Application: Not everyone under Gospel preaching is saved...you can be in the net but not in Christ...

b. The righteous (just)...How can anyone be righteous? It's impossible with man...by faith alone in Christ alone,
Romans 3:24-26

C. A Severe and painful sentence of judgment awaits the unprepared... vs. 50

1. Note what God will do with the evil...
2. It is time to pay attention...
3. Jesus spoke sincere solemn words and warned of hell...

Application: