

The Victoriously Advancing Kingdom

Matthew 13:24-43

Main Point:

Since Christ's kingdom is victoriously advancing, continue to proclaim Him as King and Savior with patient assurance.

1. Expect to be opposed in doing the work of the kingdom.
2. Despite the opposition, Christ's kingdom is victoriously advancing.
3. Continue to proclaim Christ as King and Savior with patient assurance.

Gordon Keddie "What Jesus is showing the disciples is that, just as God is doing the work of saving sinners to himself in this world, so Satan is actively laboring to claim sinners for himself and keep them lost for all eternity. In practice, this means that ... where the Lord is changing lives and saving lost people ... there the evil one will also be doing his utmost to defeat the purposes of God ..."

Daniel 4:20-22 ²⁰ The tree that you saw, which grew and became strong, whose height reached to the heavens and which *could be* seen by all the earth, ²¹ whose leaves *were* lovely and its fruit abundant, in which *was* food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and in whose branches the birds of the heaven had their home-- ²² *it is* you, O king, who have grown and become strong; for your greatness has grown and reaches to the heavens, and your dominion to the end of the earth. (NKJV)

Hebrews 2:14 ¹⁴ Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, (NKJV)

John Legg "Although unbelievers will continue, and persecution and opposition will go on until the end of the age, we can expect growth and progress in the kingdom."

Matthew 16:18b ¹⁸ "... I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (NKJV)

Psalms 78:1-8 ¹ Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. ² I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, ³ Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. ⁴ We will not hide *them* from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. ⁵ For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; ⁶ That the generation to come might know *them*, The children *who* would be born, *That* they may arise and declare *them* to their children, ⁷ That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments; ⁸ And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation *that* did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God. (NKJV)