



Chapter 13:47-52

Matt. 13:47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind,

Matt. 13:48 which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away.

Matt. 13:49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just,

Matt. 13:50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

Matt. 13:51 Jesus said to them, “Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

Matt. 13:52 Then He said to them, “Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.”

Observations & Discussion

1. What is a **dragnet** and how does it work?

2. In the **Parable of the Dragnet** what do each of these represent?

The Dragnet

The Sea

The Fishermen

The Fish

*Check out Matthew 4:18-20 & Revelation 17:15 for some help interpreting some of the symbols in this Parable.

3. Which of the other Parables in this chapter has a similar theme and meaning to this Parable? How does that knowledge help you interpret the meaning of the **Parable of the Dragnet**?

4. **Who** casts the dragnet into the sea? **What** important truths about you and the work of the Kingdom does your answer imply?

5. What point in the future is Jesus describing in verses 49-50? What other significant events will take place at that time?

6. Who do you think the **scribe** represents in vs. 52? What do you think Jesus meant when He said; "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."