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INTRODUCTION

THE WORDS OF OUR TEXT COMES FROM ONE OF THE SEVEN PARABLES THAT WERE SPOKEN BY JESUS CONCERNING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

HE HAD BEEN PREACHING IN PARABLES ALL DAY THAT HE MIGHT FULFILL THE WORDS OF THE PROPHETS: “I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH IN PARABLES: I WILL UTTER THINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN KEPT SECRET FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.”

JESUS HAD BEEN PREACHING BY THE SEA OF GALILEE, AND AFTER A LONG DAY, HE SENT THE MULTITUDE AWAY, WHILE HE WENT INTO THE HOUSE TO REST.

BUT HIS DISCIPLES CAME AND ASKED HIM TO TEACH THEM THE PARABLES OF THE TARES AND THE FIELD.

BUT JESUS WENT A LITTLE FURTHER AND TOLD THEM OF THE PARABLE OF THE NET.

THE NET IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AND THE GOSPEL IS THE MESSAGE OF THE KINGDOM.

THE SEA IS THE WORLD IN ALL THE DEPTH OF ITS DARKNESS AND ITS UNKNOWN.

THE FISHERMEN REPRESENT CHRIST AND HIS FOLLOWERS.

I. THE NET IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AND THE GOSPEL OF THE MESSAGE OF THE KINGDOM.

A. A NET IS CAST INTO THE SEA, JUST AS CHRIST AND HIS FOLLOWERS CAST THE NET OF THE GOSPEL INTO THE WORLD, “FISHING FOR MEN.”

1. JESUS HAS CALLED EVERYONE OF YOU TO BE FISHERS OF MEN.

B. WHEN THEY CAST THEIR NETS INTO THE SEA, THE NET GATHERS EVERY KIND.

1. THE VISIBLE KINGDOM, OR CHURCH CONTAINS A MIXTURE OF GOOD AND BAD.

C. THERE ARE REASONS WHY SOME BAD UNCONVERTED PEOPLE WANT TO BE A PART OF THE EARTHLY CHURCH.

1. THE CHURCH STRESSES MORALITY, VIRTUE, ETHICS, AND JUSTICE, AND WHEN SOCIETY IS BUILT UPON THIS MESSAGE, THEY PROGRESS.

2. THE CHURCH OFFERS FELLOWSHIP, AND MANY PEOPLE ARE LONELY AND EMPTY, AND THE CHURCH MEETS THEIR NEEDS.

3. THE CHURCH OFFERS SOCIAL STANDING AND OPPORTUNITY, AND MOST SOCIALLY ACCEPTED PERSONS BECOMES A CHURCH MEMBER.

4. THE CHURCH INSTILLS A SENSE OF SPIRITUAL SECURITY TO SOME, AND THEY FEEL GOD IS PLEASED AND ACCEPTS THEM BECAUSE THEY ATTEND AND SERVE THE CHURCH REGULARLY.

5. THE CHURCH OFFERS SOME DEGREE OF AUTHORITY AND DIRECTION, AND BECAUSE THERE ARE FEW SELF-DISCIPLINED PEOPLE ON EARTH, SOME FIND IN THE CHURCH, THE AUTHORITY THEY NEED.

D. THE NET IS DRAWN WHEN FULL.

1. **SOMETIMES THE NET CATCHES MORE THAN AT OTHER TIMES.**
2. **SOMETIMES THE CATCH GOES QUICKLY AND SOMETIMES IT GOES SLOWLY.**
3. **YOU SHOULD NEVER DESPAIR FOR LACK OF RESULTS, AND YOU SHOULD NEVER QUIT BECAUSE OF SLOW RESULTS.**
4. **THE GOSPEL (THE NET) IS EFFECTIVE, AND HEAVEN WILL BE FILLED.**
5. **GOD'S WORK WILL NOT RETURN UNTO HIM EMPTY.**

E. [VERSE 48] SAYS THAT "WHEN IT WAS FULL, THEY DREW TO SHORE, AND SAT DOWN, AND GATHERED THE GOOD INTO THE VESSELS, BUT CAST THE BAD AWAY."

1. **WHAT JESUS IS SAYING IS THAT THE GOOD ARE ALREADY IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WHILE ON THIS EARTH.**
2. **THEY HAVE A REAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD ALREADY.**
3. **JESUS SAYS IN ST. [JOHN 10:9] "I AM THE DOOR: BY ME IS ANY MAN ENTER IN, HE SHALL BE SAVED, AND SHALL GO IN AND OUT, AND FIND PASTURE."**

F. THE BAD ARE CAST AWAY. "WHO ARE THE BAD?"

1. **THEY WERE THE WRONG KIND.**
2. **THEY WERE TOO SMALL.**

3. **THEY WERE UNCLEAN.**
4. **THEY WERE USELESS.**
5. **THEY WERE UNFIT.**
6. **THEY WERE DEAD.**

II. IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED TO BEAR MUCH FRUIT THROUGH EVANGELISM.

A. IN YOUR CATCH, YOU'LL HAVE EVERY KIND IN YOUR NET.

1. **YOU HAVE CAUGHT SOME YOUNG, AND SOME OLD.**
2. **YOU HAVE CAUGHT SOME TALL, AND SOME SHORT.**
3. **YOU HAVE CAUGHT SOME FAT, AND SOME SLIM.**
4. **YOU HAVE CAUGHT SOME SMART, AND SOME LAZY.**
5. **YOU HAVE CAUGHT SOME GOOD, AND SOME BAD.**

B. THE MIXTURE OF GOOD AND BAD IN YOUR NET IS NOT THE RESULT OF ENEMIES AT WORK, BUT IT IS BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF FISHING.

1. **WHEN YOU LET DOWN YOUR NET, YOU CAN'T SELECT WHAT FISH GET IN THE NET.**

2. **THE NET IS LIKE A DRAGNET, IT GATHERS UP ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE, AND WHEN THEY ARE BROUGHT INTO THE STATION, THEY ARE SORTED OUT.**
3. **THE CHURCH CAN NOT SELECT WHO JOINS THEM, WE MUST TAKE THEM “ON A WHOSOEVER WILL BASIS” AND GOD WILL DO THE SEPARATING.**

C. JUST LIKE IN A FISHING NET, YOU WILL FIND EVERY KIND IN YOUR NET.

1. **YOU WILL FIND SOME “MUD CATS.”**
 - a. **THEY LIKE MUDDY WATER, SO DON'T FISH FOR THEM IN A CLEAR STREAM.**
 - b. **BUT WHERE EVER YOU FIND TRASH, MUD, AND SCUM, YOU WILL FIND A MUD CAT.**
 - c. **SO IT IS IN THE NURSES UNIT, YOU WILL CATCH SOME THAT DON'T CARE FOR ANYTHING THAT IS PURE AND CLEAN.**
 - d. **THEY LIKE TO BE WHERE THERE IS CONFUSION AND TROUBLE.**
 - e. **BUT REMEMBER JESUS SAID, “THERE IS EVERY KIND IN THE NET.”**
2. **YOU WILL FIND SOME “GRINNERS.”**
 - a. **THEY ARE HARD TO HANDEL.**

**b. WHERE EVER YOU FIND A GRINDER,
YOU DON'T FIND ANY OTHER FISH,
BECAUSE THEY LIVE OFF OF THE
LITTLE FISH IN THE LAKE.**

**c. WE HAVE MEMBERS LIKE THAT ON
THE NURSES UNIT, THEY TRY TO
MAKE THEMSELVES SHINE BY
DESTROYING THE HUMBLE, AND
FIGHTING THE WEAK.**

**d. BUT REMEMBER JESUS SAID, THERE
IS EVERY KIND IN THE NET."**

3. YOU WILL FIND SOME "SPOON BILL CATS."

**a. THEY AREN'T ANYTHING BUT
MOUTH.**

**b. IF YOU CUT OFF THEIR HEAD,
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING LEFT.**

**c. YOU HAVE SOME NURSES ON THE
UNIT THAT AIN'T NOTHING BUT
MOUTH.**

**d. THEY ARE ALWAYS TALKING, BUT
DON'T GET NOTHING DONE.**

**e. BUT REMEMBER JESUS SAYS
"THERE ARE EVERY KIND IN THE
NET."**

4. YOU HAVE SOME "CARP FISH."

**a. THEY WILL CHASE THE OTHER FISH
UP AND DOWN THE LAKE.**

**b. YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WHEN
YOU CATCH HIM, BECAUSE HE WILL
TEAR UP YOUR NET.**

- c. **MANY OF OUR NURSES ARE LIKE THE CARP FISH, THEY WILL SNEAK AROUND AND DISCOURAGE GOOD MEMBERS, AND CHASE THEM AWAY FROM THE CHURCH.**
- d. **AND AS SOON AS THEY GET CAUGHT, THEY WILL TEAR UP THE UNIT AND THE CHURCH.**
- e. **BUT REMEMBER JESUS SAYS THAT “THERE ARE EVERY KIND IN THE NET.”**

5. **YOU HAVE SOME “TOP WATER FISH.”**

- a. **THEY ARE NOT GOOD FOR ANYTHING BUT BAIT.**
- b. **YOU SPEND ALL DAY CATCHING HIM, AND YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING BUT BAIT.**
- c. **WE HAVE SOME IN THE NURSES UNIT LIKE THAT.**
- d. **THEY NEVER GROW UP, CAN'T SING, CAN'T PRAY, DON'T PAY, NOR SERVE IN THE CHURCH.**
- e. **BUT REMEMBER JESUS SAYS, THERE ARE EVERY KIND IN THE NET.”**

6. **YOU HAVE SOME “GOLD FISH.”**

- a. **THEY ARE ONLY GOOD TO LOOK AT.**
- b. **SOME NURSES ON YOUR UNIT ARE GOOD TO LOOK AT, BUT THEY**

DON'T DO ANYTHING.

III. THE NET IS A SYMBOL OF THE END OF THE WORLD. "SO SHALL IT BE AT THE END OF THE WORLD: THE ANGEL SHALL COME FORTH, AND SEVER THE WICKED FROM AMONG THE JUST, AND SHALL CAST THEM INTO THE FURNACE OF FIRE: THERE SHALL BE WAILING AND GNASHING OF TEETH." [VERSES 49-50]

A. ANGELS SHALL COME FORTH TO EXECUTE JUDGEMENT ON BEHALF OF CHRIST.

1. YOU SEE, THE DRAGNET CANNOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE GOOD AND THE BAD AS IT IS PULLED THROUGH THE WATER IT JUST GATHERS THE BAD WITH THE GOOD.
2. SEPARATION OCCURS WHEN THE NET IS FULL AND HAS BEEN PULLED TO SHORE.
3. THE ANGEL OF GOD SHALL DO THE SEPARATING, NOT THE CHURCH OR ANY RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY.
4. IT IS A FACT, WHEN MAN JUDGES, HE BLUNDERS AND MAKES MISTAKES.

B. THE PURPOSE OF THE ANGELS' COMING FORTH IS TO SEPARATE THE WICKED FROM THE JUST.

1. BEFORE YOU START JUDGING, YOU BETTER LOOK AT WHO IT IS THAT IS IN THE NET.
2. IT IS PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE NET, WHO ARE IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, BUT THEY ARE STILL BAD.

3. **THEY HAVE NOT YET BECOME GOOD.**
4. **LIVING AMONG THE GOOD, WILL NOT MAKE YOU A GOOD OR BAD PERSON.**
5. **FELLOW SHIPPING WITH THE GOOD WILL NOT MAKE YOU A GOOD OR BAD PERSON.**
6. **WORSHIPING WITH THE GOOD WILL NOT MAKE YOU A GOOD OR BAD PERSON.**
7. **BRUSHING SHOULDERS WITH THE GOOD WILL NOT MAKE YOU A GOOD OR BAD PERSON.**
8. **A BAD PERSON WHO IS BAD ALL THROUGH LIFE WILL BE BAD AT THE END OF LIFE.**
9. **THE ONLY TIME THE BAD WILL BE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE GOOD IS NOW.**
10. **BUT SOON AND VERY SOON, THE BAD WILL BE SEPARATED FROM THE GOOD.**
11. **CHRIST WILL SEPARATED THE BAD FROM THE GOOD.**
12. **IF A BAD PERSON SPENDS ALL OF HIS LIFE IN THE (NET) THE CHURCH AMONG THE GOOD, HE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE WITH THE GOOD.**
13. **HE WILL BE TAKEN AND CAST OUT OF THE PRESENCE OF THE GOOD.**
14. **[MATTHEW 25:32] “AND BEFORE HIM SHALL BE GATHERED ALL NATIONS: AND HE SHALL SEPARATE THEM ONE FROM ANOTHER, AS A SHEPHERD DIVIDETH HIS SHEEP FROM THE GOATS.”**

CONCLUSION**A. AS YOU GO FORTH TO EVANGELIZE, REMEMBER THAT IT IS NOT YOUR JOB TO JUDGE; JUST FISH.**

1. IF ALL YOU CATCH ARE LIARS, DRAG THEM IN.
2. IF ALL YOU CATCH ARE DRUG ADDICTS, PULL THEM IN.
3. IF ALL YOU CATCH ARE BACK BITTERS, PULL THEM IN.
4. IF ALL YOU CATCH ARE DITCH DIGGERS, PULL THEM IN.
5. IF ALL YOU CATCH ARE PEACE BREAKERS, PULL THEM IN.
6. IF ALL YOU CATCH ARE HELL RAISERS, PULL THEM IN.
7. IF ALL YOU CATCH ARE STREET WALKERS AND BAR SITTERS, PULL THEM IN.

B. BECAUSE ONE OF THESE OLD DAYS, JESUS WILL COME AND DO THE SEPARATING.

1. YOU DO KNOW JESUS, DON'T YOU?
2. HE'S THE ONE WHO WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM.
3. REARED IN NAZARETH.
4. BAPTIZED IN THE JORDAN.
5. TEMPTED IN THE WILDERNESS.
6. PERFORMED MIRACLES IN A DESERT PLACE.
7. RODE IN JERUSALEM ON A BORROWED DONKEY.

- 8. WEPT OVER JERUSALEM.**
- 9. PRAYED IN GETHSEMANE.**
- 10. TRIED IN PILATE'S HALL.**
- 11. AND EARLY FRIDAY MORNING, HUNG, BLEED
AND DIED ON AN OLD RUGGED CROSS.**
- 12. WAS BURIED IN A BORROWED TOMB.**
- 13. BUT EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, HE ROSE WITH
ALL POWER IN HIS HAND.**