

Matthew 13:34-58 – 10 November 2019

“The 4 Great Activities of The Kingdom”

“Part 2 of 2”

Introduction

Jesus has been in Galilee preaching, teaching & having compassion on the people.

Jesus, the Great Communicator, wants “all to be saved & to come to the knowledge of the truth”. (I Tim 2:4)

Jesus gives 3 great discourses in Book of Matthew

- Matt 5-7 – Sermon on Mount – The Past or basis and foundation of what the kingdom should be.
- Matt 13 – Parables of the Kingdom – The Present or actuality of what the kingdom is.
- Matt 24-25 – Olivet Discourse – The Future or culmination of what the kingdom will be.

Chapter 13 is the first time He teaches in parables.

Parable def:

The word parable means *to throw alongside*.

It is a spiritual truth illustrated by using an analogy of an everyday earthly expression.

Parable is double-edged: Given so only the motivated will understand

Advantage of Parables: Helps w/ memorization and helps to drive us to study deeper.

Jesus is here addressing the 4 Great Activities of the Kingdom by using parables. (We'll see last 2)

There are factions that are busy about effecting the end result of what the Kingdom will be like.

We're going to look at what actions they each take that effects the Kingdom of God.

#1st Great Activity of the Kingdom is we receive the Word of God (Vs 1-23)

1. We are the central figures being influenced by both God and Satan.
2. When we hear God's Word, we need to press into it to receive it.
3. You can have more revelation from God, He's just waiting for you to ask.

#2nd Great Activity of the Kingdom is Satan deceives the people regarding the Word (Vs 24-33)

1. Satan is just as active at deceiving as God is at offering true and love.
2. Satan counterfeits and intermingles to make a bloated church.
3. No church is exempt from Satan trying to deceive the true believers.

#3rd Great Activity of the Kingdom is that God achieves the Kingdom's results (Vs 34-50)

God is motivated by His great love for you, to pay whatever price is necessary to be with you!!

Vs 34-43 – Explanation of Parable of Wheat & Tares

Read Vs 34-36

1. The disciples have learned that God is willing to lead them and guide them into all truth.
2. Let's recap the parable by reading vs 24-30

Read Vs 37-43

1. As in vs 41, Jesus will bring about deliverance from this present evil age.
2. Jesus is merciful giving time for any to repent.
3. As in vs 43, in the end, the righteous shall shine as the sun.
 - a. Read Dan 12:2-3

Vs 44 – Jesus had to purchase the field

Read Vs 44

1. The earth and the souls of people in it.
 - a. Owned by God
 - b. Given to Adam and Eve
 - c. Forfeited to Satan at the fall of man
 - d. Purchased back by Christ on the cross!
2. Jesus was willing to purchase you back
 - a. The harlot, unfaithful adulterer that we were!
 - b. This is story of Hosea and his wife Gomer.
3. Oh, what it cost His to purchase you back.
4. What has it cost us to share this good news?

Vs 45-46 – Jesus is singularly focused on gaining us as His reward

Read Vs 45-46

1. If you were the only person, He'd still die 4 u.
2. Willing to leave the 99 to go save the 1 lost.

Vs 47-50 – Jesus is after everyone; He wants all to come to everlasting life.

Read Vs 47-50

1. Jesus casts the widest net possible.
2. He's after "every kind" of fish.
3. When the final net is cast, if your heart is still unconverted, unrepentant, God has no choice but to cast you out.
 - a. God will honor your choice.
 - i. If you want to reject Him, you'll have it for eternity.
 - ii. If you want to accept His love and grace, you'll have it for eternity.

#4th Great Activity of the Kingdom is the continual call to believe the Word of the Kingdom (Vs 51-58)

While in this life, the cycle continues: The call to believe the Word, Watching the response to the Word, Discipling the growth in some who repent.

Vs 51-52 – As you gain the new, don't forsake the old

Read Vs 51-52

1. Vs 51 – Do you get all these ‘new’ things?
2. As we go deeper into the new things, don’t forsake the old things.
3. Many people lean toward foundations teachings, while many others lean toward only the deeper things of scripture.
 - a. Old only – Some only teach salvation without any sanctification and discipleship.
 - i. This church has only evangelism
 - ii. An inch deep and a mile wide
 - b. New only – Some only teach the deep
 - i. So intellectual, no longer helping people.

Vs 53-58 – Start cycle all over again and keep going

Read Vs 53-56

1. Jesus goes back to the beginning.
 - a. Teach it again
 - b. See who will not just hear but receive it
 - c. Notice those being deceived by Satan
 - d. God will achieve a great result for those who receive it.
2. Notice Jesus had half-brothers & sisters. Mary wasn't a perpetual virgin as some claim.
3. The power is in the Word, the seed.
 - a. God's Word will not return void, but will have its effect!
 - b. We, like Jesus, just need to give it watch its effect.

Read Vs 57-58

1. Everything w/i Kingdom is activated by belief.
2. Once one new person believes/receives the cycle starts afresh for them.

Conclusion –

So, we've seen 4 Great Activities of the Kingdom of Heaven

1. *We receive* the Word of God
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 - c. You can have more revelation from God, He's just waiting for you to ask.
2. *Satan deceives* the people regarding the Word
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 - b. Satan counterfeits and intermingles to make a bloated church.
 - c. No church is exempt from Satan trying to deceive the true believers.

3. *God achieves* the Kingdom's results
 - a. God is willing to give us time to be led and guided into all truth.
 - b. Jesus paid an enormous price to redeem us
 - c. Jesus has no other goals but to gain you!
4. *Continual call to believe* the Word of the King
 - a. Treasure all of God's Word; new & old
 - b. Don't stop offering the Word to new people
 - c. Once belief happens, then there's beautiful growth in discipleship