

# MATTHEW 13 vs 44

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Jesus just said that many prophets and righteous individuals desired to see what his students saw, and to hear what his students heard... and could not see nor hear. After telling the Parables of the Sower and the seed; the Tares among the wheat; the Mustard seed; and the Leaven, and then sending the multitudes on their merry way, Jesus spoke 3 more parables to those who still were paying attention.



**44 Again, the kingdom of heaven** / where God our Father, who is spirit... where He effectively reigns... and His will is done... always in spirit and truth.

**the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hid in a field;**

**which a person found** / in Greek: an anthropos, a human; man or woman... **found**, in Greek: **euprosopeo**; we're learning about: **eu** = **good** + **prosopeo** = **prospect**, a good find... like one on a journey... not necessarily looking for anything in particular; who suddenly has a valuable discovery,

**this one hides** / recognizing its great value, **and for joy of it goes and sells all that he or she has, and buys that field** / not an uncommon experience to imagine. Jesus says: **THAT joyous happening**... and all it entails... **is like discovering the kingdom of heaven**... where God our Father reigns.

**45 Again, the kingdom of heaven** / where God our Father reigns.

**is like a merchant man** / 2 Greek words: **emporos anthropos**... Jesus is talking about a **business professional**, man or woman... intent on doing their occupation,

**seeking goodly pearls** / in Greek this word is: margarites. He is looking for what is good and beautiful and excellent... which this professional puts effort to find; not the cheap stuff:

**46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all he had and bought it** / when he found one that is of incredible value; notice the same willingness mentioned earlier, willing to risk all to purchased it, and buy it from the marketplace. Not difficult to imagine; and for a second time... Jesus says: **THAT amazing happening**... and all it entails... **is like the kingdom of heaven**... where God our Father reigns.

**47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a fishing net** / a large drag-net, **that was cast into the sea, and gathered up all kinds** / it is a net so big that all sorts small and large were snagged by it:

**48 which, when it was full, they dragged to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into containers** / pails, boxes and baskets; whatever was available,

**but threw away the bad** / the rotting and the corrupt were tossed.

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<sup>49</sup> So it will be **at the end** of the world / meaning: at the full completion... used by Matthew 5 times. Jesus says, this is how it will be, long after the time of the Gentiles comes to an end;

**the angels will come, and separate** / meaning: **to limit**; to mark off from others by boundaries... **the wicked from among the just** / notice whose responsibility it is to do that separating. When Jesus walked the roads down here, it was the Pharisees who loved misquoting Isaiah wherever they went: Stand by yourself; come not near me; for I am holier than you! -- **Isaiah 65**.

In contrast, Paul to the Ephesians says, as far as possible be at peace with one another. Jesus, the night He was betrayed said, **by this, all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another**,

**Jesus says, the angels will come, and separate** / the citizens of eternity will gladly do their job, no need for decrepit Rome... or any other deferential, self-righteous institution to interfere....

<sup>50</sup> **And will cast them into the furnace of fire** / all the rotten fish:

**there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth** / it's not a nice place, it will be ugly for them.

<sup>51</sup> **Jesus said to them, Have you understood all these things?**

**They answered Him, Yes, Lord** / like any good teacher, when Jesus spoke... He was ready to answer any lingering question any student in His class might have... before going to the next part of the lesson;

<sup>52</sup> **Then He said to them,**

**Therefore, every scribe** / every writer, every **communicator**, young or old; male or female... **who is instructed** / this is one Greek verb: **matheteuo**... used 4 times in the NT. when Jesus said: **making disciples**; this word suggests a specific kind of learner... **those doing their math**.

**Jesus says...every communicator... instructed and instructing** / doing their math... and helping others... to put the pieces together. Paul wrote about mentally **putting together this good news** what was once a mystery, but is no longer; Ephesians 3;

**every communicator... doing their math...to the kingdom of heaven** / helping others work these examples, these parables, about the kingdom where God our Father lives and governs;

**is like a person who is a householder** / like the head of the house, like a man or woman young or old... or even a sister or brother holding together their siblings after a terrible tragedy...

**who brings forth from his treasure... new and old** / as the occasion demands; Jesus says BOTH new and old... are necessary. Sometimes after searching the heart, we discover an answer; a remedy has been there all along. At other times, only with fresh eyes will new answers be discovered. Abraham Lincoln said, **if we give up our freedom to oppress; we might discover new freedoms never before realized will replace it**.

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So, what did Jesus say?

**Therefore, every communicator... doing their math / putting the pieces together,**

**about the kingdom of heaven / where God our Father reigns...**

**is like a person... who is a householder who brings forth... from his treasure... new and old /** which means: in our brilliant 21<sup>st</sup> century generation, there are some things we still ought never to forget from the past; as well as there will be some things...as we put the pieces together – that provide us with new, fresh understanding that we hadn't considered, about the ways of God.

**53 And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these parables, He departed there.**

When He had finished these words. Most people do not know that Matthew clearly organized his gospel in 5 sections or divisions... always concluding with this repetitious phrase when Jesus' early ministry and sermon on a mount concluded, chapter 7:28: **Matthew was an eyewitness to Jesus.**

Jesus, the good Teacher; was on the move to find others with ears to hear the good news!

**54 And when He went to His own region, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, Where did this man get this wisdom, and these miraculous abilities?**

**55 Is this not the son of the carpenter? is not His mother called Mary? and His brothers, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Jude?**

**56 And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this man get all these things?**

**57 And they were offended by Him. But Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and in his own household.**

**58 And He did not do many miraculous works there because of their unbelief.**

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