

THE THREE W'S OF GOD'S KINGDOM

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Kingdom's W_____ - all inclusive (ex_____ globally) – vv. 31-33

- The parable of the mustard seed and of the leaven both illustrate tremendous g_____
 1. Mustard seed
 - a. This is not the seed that grows into the mustard t_____
 - b. This is a seed that grows into a b_____ mustard plant, the garden variety (*larger than the garden plants*)
 - 1) Grows to a height of _____ feet with branches thick enough for birds to nest in.
 - 2) Jesus quotes Ezek 17:23 which pictures the final kingdom when Israel is restored and a_____ the nations of the world benefit.
 2. Leaven, which we call y_____ - eventually spreads throughout the whole lump of dough.
- The parable applied - God's kingdom will eventually grow and spread to every part of the world.
 1. Jn 3:16 – God loves the w_____
 2. Rom 2:11 – When it come to salvation God does not show f_____ toward any class of people.
 3. Rev 5:9,10 – Jesus's blood is pictured as effectively purchasing the salvation of believers from e_____ tribe, tongue, nation and class (and they all will reign with Christ on the earth).

The Kingdom's W_____ - beyond measure (ex_____ everything) – vv. 44-46

- The parable of the hidden treasure and costly pearl
 1. They i_____ the same truth
 2. In both parables the person sells _____ that he has to obtain the prized possession.
- The parable applied
 1. There is no c_____ between all the wealth in the world and having a relationship with Jesus (being part of His kingdom) – Mark 8:35,36
 2. It is worth the sacrifice of anything and e_____ combined.

- a. Jim Elliot was killed by the Indians he attempted to evangelize. His _____ later brought his killers to Christ.
- b. Many receive Christ even though it means r_____ by their family, or even the possibility of death.

The Kingdom's W_____ - full of treasure (ex_____ thoroughly) – vv. 47-52

- The final parable (the dragnet that catches fish of e_____ kind)
 1. Is similar to the parable of the t_____ and wheat
 2. The disciples u_____ all the unexplained parables (v. 51).
- The parable applied with a parable
 1. To every scribe who is a d_____ of the kingdom
 - a. Strictly speaking, a scribe was part of the religious leadership who were e_____ in the laws of Judaism and the Old Testament scriptures.
 - b. Here Jesus is using the term in a loose sense to refer to those who are w_____ -acquainted with the scriptures (most Jews) and have become a follower of Jesus.
 - 1) Some version translate verse 52 ***who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven*** and other versions translate ***who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven.***
 - 2) The above bold letters translate one Greek word, which is the same one translated as make d_____ in Matt 28:19.
 2. The old treasure refers to the Old Testament and the new treasure refers to the t_____ of Jesus (which is in essence the New Testament)
 3. In order for us to appreciate these treasures we need to e_____ God's word.
- Challenge
 1. Choose to focus for the month of July on one O.T. book and one N.T. book (e.g. Genesis and John)
 2. Each weekday read from the O.T. and some from the N.T. (23 weekdays in July = 2 chapters in Genesis and 1 in John)
 3. Jot down truths and lessons you need to know and learn.
 4. On Sundays, review notes from sermons and Bible study lessons and come up with one action you need to take.