

TWO PARABLES ABOUT THE COMING JUDGMENT
(Matthew 13:47-52)

- I. The WARNING of the JUDGMENT to Come (Matt. 13:47-50)
 - A. The Parable of the DRAGNET (13:47-48)
 1. “The KINDOM is LIKE a DRAGNET”
 2. It gathers FISH of EVERY KIND
 3. The CATCH is drawn to the BEACH
 4. The fishermen gather the GOOD FISH into CONTAINERS
 5. The fishermen THROW AWAY the BAD catch
 - B. The EXPLANATION of the parable (13:49-50)
 1. The parable will be FULFILLED at the END of the AGE
 2. The action will be PERFORMED by the ANGELS
 - a. Will begin with a WORLDWIDE GATHERING
 - b. Will involve a CAREFUL SORTING
 - c. Will result in REMOVAL of the WICKED
 3. The wicked will be cast into the “FURNACE of FIRE” to endure TORMENT
 - a. Hell is a place of UNRELENTING TORMENT

- b. Hell includes torment of both BODY and SOUL
 - c. Hell's torments will be imposed in VARYING DEGREES
 - d. Hell's torments will LAST FOREVER
4. The righteous will REMAIN in the KINGDOM

II. The CALL to PROCLAIM the Warning (Matt. 13:51-52)

A. Jesus' QUESTION to the DISCIPLES (13:52)

- 1. Asked if they UNDERSTOOD "ALL these things"
- 2. They answered, "YES"

B. The Parable of the HOUSEHOLDER (13:53b)

- 1. It describes those who are "like a HEAD of a HOUSEHOLD"
- 2. He maintains a "TREASURY" of SUPPLIES for the household
- 3. He takes from it "things NEW and OLD" to PROVIDE for the household

C. The parable APPLIES to "every SCRIBE who has BECOME a DISCIPLE of the kingdom of heaven" (13:53a)

- 1. ALL who have become DISCIPLES of JESUS
- 2. These disciples would be both WRITERS and TEACHERS
- 3. They represent FURTHER TEACHERS who would follow them