

Sermon on the Boat Matthew 13

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Kingdom Part 7 Seven Sacred Secrets

The Bible is **NOT** an open book to those enemies of Christ!

Jesus tells **7** parables in Matthew 13 to help us understand better how things work, spiritually!!!

Parable Earthly story with a spiritual meaning Reveal and Conceal

47 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a fishing net that was thrown into the water and caught fish of every kind. 48 When the net was full, they dragged it up onto the shore, sat down, and sorted the good fish into crates, but threw the bad ones away. 49 That is the way it will be at the end of the world. The angels will come and separate the wicked people from the righteous, 50 throwing the wicked into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51 Do you understand all these things?" "Yes," they said, "we do."

Matthew 13:47-51

The chapter is a series of **7 MYSTERIES!** God's Word is a mystery to those without the Holy Spirit!
It is basically the History of the Gospel from beginning to THE END!!!

SEVEN THINGS WE SHOULD EXPECT AND NOT BE SURPRISED

Great Expectations

1. Expect Many to Reject the Gospel—The Sower Sower = Jesus Seed = Word Soil = Heart

Myth-If we present Jesus clearly to the world they will all immediately come on board! **FALSE**

Four Hearts Stony Shallow Super busy Sincere

We will never take over the world with the Gospel! (Jesus does that later!) We are the Little Flock

If rejected to be expected! We sow the seed—God does the saving!

If we preach/teach God's Word we are successful! We will reap in due season!

2. Expect Many Church Members to be Hypocrites—The Wheat and the Weeds

Jesus sows good seed on good soil! The Devil sows seeds too!!!

We cannot see the heart! Let God do the separating!!

Wheat ends up in God's House! The Weeds end up in the fire.

Counterfeit is a credit to the real!

3. Expect the Rise of False Cults—Mustard Seed Birds = Devils

Mustard **TREES** don't exist!!! Daniel 4:20

Rev. 18:2 Babylon = cults false religions They are every where

If we did not have false cults then the Bible is error cause it predicts them (1 Tim. 4)

4. Expect to Find Corruption in the Professing Church—The Sneaky Woman

Leaven = symbol of sin, corruption Bread/Flour = the Church/Communion

This is an **INTENTIONAL** infusion of yeast/sin into the bread

Leaven works slowly, stealthily → legalism liberalism license

There must be something to this Gospel and Truth or the Devil wouldn't attack it so much!

5. Expect God to Keep His Word to the Nation of Israel—Treasure in the Field

Only Israel is called HIS PECULIAR/SPECIAL TREASURE, not the church.

Jesus Found Israel **HIS PECULIAR TREASURE** With Abraham and David

He offered the Kingdom to them but they rejected Him Matthew 13:28 So He Hid them in the Field

Then He went and gave everything (the Cross) He had to buy the **WHOLE FIELD!**

Soon He will come back and CLAIM Israel as His SPECIAL PECULIAR TREASURE

God is NOT done with Israel! His Promises here are UNILATERAL AND UNCONDITIONAL!!

6. Expect Jesus to be Building His Church—Priceless Pearl The Pearl = Church

Again He gave everything (John 3:16) to buy the Pearl!

Pearl forms when something worthless gets covered with beauty and it cannot be **DIVIDED**

It is brought up from the dark depths of the sea to newness of life and realms light!

Again, His promises to us are also Unconditional and Unilateral and He Keeps His Word!

Don't get discouraged we are on the winning side!!!!

7. Expect Jesus to Bring it All to an End with Righteous Judgement—Fishing Net

Nets grab everything! Again our job is to draw the net! God will sort the good and bad (wheat and tares)!

Conclusion—God Knows EXACTLY What is Going to Happen and WHEN!

Few will be Saved There will be Hypocrites

There will be Corruption There will be False Religions

Israel is now hidden in world, being trampled underfoot but one day soon they will be center stage again

He is building His church and is going bring it all to an end and sort it out fairly!