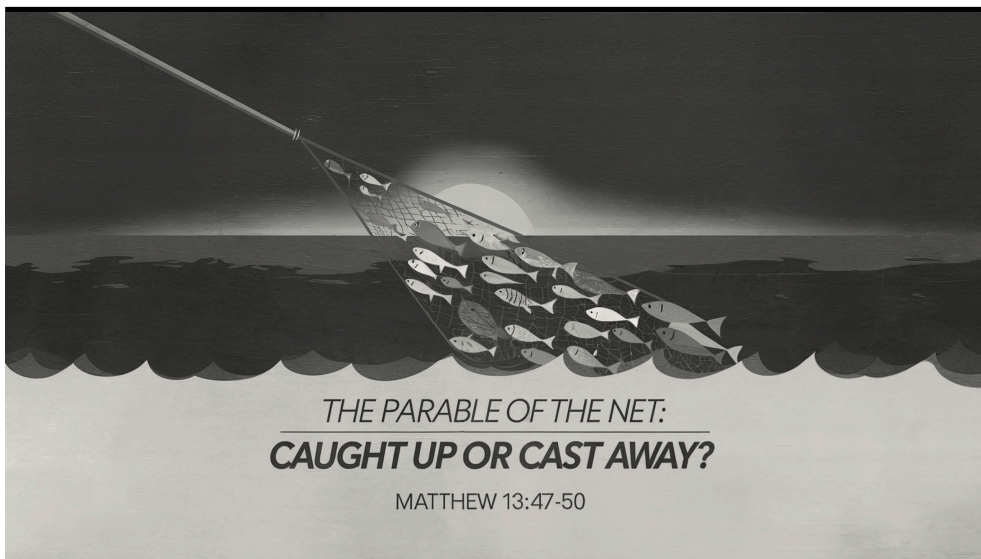


# The Parable of the Net

March 2, 2025 | *Matthew 13:47-50*



## **Observations from Matthew 13:47-50:**

What is happening in this?

- **The Net:** Represents the Kingdom of Heaven.
  - Supporting Verses: *Matthew 13:47, Matthew 4:19*
- **The Sea:** Symbolizes the world.
  - Supporting Verses: *Revelation 17:15, Isaiah 57:20*
- **The Fish:** Represents all people—both righteous and unrighteous.
  - Supporting Verses: *Matthew 4:19, Ecclesiastes 12:14*
- **The Sorting:** A picture of final judgment.
  - Supporting Verses: *Matthew 13:49, Matthew 25:31-32*
- **The Good Fish:** Believers, transformed by Christ.
  - Supporting Verses: *2 Corinthians 5:17, John 3:3*
- **The Bad Fish:** Those who reject Christ.
  - Supporting Verses: *Matthew 7:21-23, John 3:36*
- **The Fiery Furnace:** A warning about eternal separation from God.
  - Supporting Verses: *Matthew 8:12, 22:13, Revelation 20:15*

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## Lessons from Matthew 13:47-50:

What can we learn (interpret) from this?

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- **Everyone Will Be Caught, But Not Everyone Will Be Saved**
    - The Gospel reaches all people, but not everyone will respond.
      - Supporting Verses: *John 3:16, 2 Peter 3:9, Luke 13:23-24*
  - **The Good Fish Represent Those Who Know Christ**
    - Believers are set apart and transformed in Christ.
      - Supporting Verses: *2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 8:1m Ephesians 2:8-10*
  - **The Gospel is Available Now—But Not Forever**
    - There will come a day when the opportunity to respond is gone.
      - Supporting Verses: *Hebrews 9:27, Romans 10:13, 2 Corinthians 6:2*
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## Application from Matthew 13:47-50:

How can I apply / live this out?

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- **Examine Your Heart – What Kind of Fish Are You?**
  - Are you truly following Jesus or just caught in the net?
    - Supporting Verses: *2 Corinthians 13:5, Galatians 6:7-8*
- **Be a Fisher of Men – Tell Others About Christ**
  - Are you sharing the Gospel while the net is still in the sea?
    - Supporting Verses: *Matthew 28:19-20, Romans 10:14, Proverbs 11:30*
- **Live as a Transformed Fish – Set Apart & Unashamed**
  - Does your life reflect the Kingdom?
    - Supporting Verses: *1 Peter 2:9, Romans 12:2*

*Just like the Parable of the Hidden Treasure, the Parable of the Pearl, and the Parable of the Net, may we believe in Christ, be saved, and rejoice in the assurance that we will be in His presence forever. Amen!*

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