

Sermon study -Matthew 13:1-52 -There is More to the Story

Problem:

The kingdom was rejected: Matthew 11:1-6, 20; 12:14, 46-49; Luke 19:11

Now what?

this chapter is about kingdom conditions between the advents. the king and His kingdom has been rejected. what now?

Text:

Why doesn't everybody want the kingdom of Heaven? —> (Matthew 13:1-9)

this parable given in response to the unbelief and rejection-they were unrepentant soil - Matt 3:7-12; 7:15-20; Jn 12:37-43; 3:16-21 unrepentant loved their deeds of darkness

why teach through parables? —> (Matthew 13:10-17)

-what secrets? Ephesians 3:1-6; col 1:24-27-secret not foretold in OT- Luke 4:17-21; Isaiah 61:1-2

why hide them?

Matt 11:25-30 (to bless the repentant and judge the unrepentant); (1 Cor 2) 1 John 1:1-4

how should we interpret them? —> (Matthew 13:18-23)

John 15:1-8 - real believers bear fruit as evidence of their salvation -James 2:14-19; faith without works is dead faith

why does God allow fakes and frauds? —> (Matthew 13:24-30)

there will be fakes in the people of God but God will be the judge of the fakes - genesis 3:15; Romans 11:25; Acts 15:14

How will the kingdom population increase? (Matthew 13:31-33)

it may be hidden but it will subversively grow - (Rev 7:9) innumerable multitude every tribe tongue and nation

why hide this revelation? —> (Matthew 13:34-35)

(ps 78) a repeating cycle of unbelief;

a judgment on their persistent unbelief

are you listening? —> (Matthew 13:36-43)

checking our work... ears to hear -Matt 11:25; 13:14-17; Rev. 2:7, 11, 29; 3:6, 13, 22; 13:9

verse 43 is the application -hope— in other words, don't be troubled by fakes and frauds

How should you value this truth? —> (Matthew 13:44-46)

Matt 16:24-28 - even to see it is, worth your life

how long will we have to endure injustice? —> (Matthew 13:47-50)

till the kingdom comes- (psalm 1; Matthew 24:36-42; 25:24-30) -whats the application -hope-

How should we deal with the promises in the Old testament in light of these?

(Matthew 13:51-53)

we need to teach both - the Old promises are still valid and the kingdom is coming but these new truths are also needing to be known in the meantime. In short...

there is more to the story

Main Idea:

there is more to the story...

The King and His Kingdom may have been rejected but it is still coming and in the meantime God is accomplishing His purposes in the midst of rejection, and unbelief.

There is more to the story... Joseph story as an example:

Genesis 37:18-36 —>39:11-20...what if His story ended here? rejected, falsely accused, imprisoned and abandoned.

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Stop wondering why there is so much rejection, why there are so many fakes, why there is injustice and evil. The Kingdom is not here yet. But its coming and God is working, through rejection, injustice and unbelief to accomplish His purposes.

Can you see it? Can you hear it? Do you understand? There is more to the story.

hope is the ultimate application:

even in the midst of rejection, real believers are responding and bearing fruit
even in the midst of fakes and frauds, real believers are growing in maturity
even though a few believe now, many will in the end
even though the kingdom is not here, it is worth everything you have
even though there is injustice now, the kingdom will come and justice with it
even though the OT has not been fulfilled literally yet, it will.

here is a great article on the nature of the kingdom in Matthew:

[http://theologicalstudies.org/files/resources/Vlach_Kingdom_Program_in_Matthew1\[1\].pdf](http://theologicalstudies.org/files/resources/Vlach_Kingdom_Program_in_Matthew1[1].pdf)