

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

MIXTURE OF GOOD AND BAD

Lesson 12.

OBJECTIVE: To show the eventual eternal separation of the righteous and the unrighteous.

PARABLES: *The Parable of the Tares:* Matthew
13:24-30, 36-43

The Parable of the Dragnet: Matthew
13:47-50

I. THE SETTINGS:

A. These two parables are in a group of seven parables delivered on the same day. Where was Jesus when He began delivering them? _____

B. The size of the audience had changed when He delivered the explanation of the first parable, and the second parable, than when He began. Who was now His audience? _____

II. THE CENTRAL TEACHINGS:

In your most concise way possible, what is the concluding teaching of both of these parables? _____

III. UNDERSTANDING THE PARABLES:

A. What are tares?

B. Jesus gives the interpretation of this parable:

1. What is the field?

2. Who is the sower of good seed?

3. Who is the sower of tares?

4. What is the good seed?

5. What is the bad seed?

6. Who are the reapers?

7. What is the harvest?

C. Does this parable teach us anything on church discipline? _____

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D. The principle teaching of this parable is also found in another Bible passage ... "But them that are without God judgeth...". Where is that passage found?

E. What other passages teach the ETERNAL separation of good and evil? _____

F. Sometimes a parable can be pushed too far in making it teach something which would contradict other plain Bible teaching. As an example of this, who separated the good and bad fish in the second parable?

Who is going to separate good from bad people in the judgment? _____

Additional Notes: