

**Reflection Questions:** Have I placed my faith in Christ alone? If so, when was the last time I told someone of Jesus? Who am I praying for to have the opportunity to share my faith? Am I living in view of the coming judgment?

How can we pray for one another this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*To stay away from Christianity because part of the Bible's teaching is offensive to you assumes that if there is a God, he wouldn't have any views that upset you. Does that belief make sense?*

Timothy Keller

*Fish are either good or bad. What is not wheat is weeds. Jesus teaches ... that men are either good or bad and that there is no "in between."*

Neil Lightfoot

*Evangelism is to be the ordinary business of the kingdom of heaven. It's the church's mission.*

David Strain

*Go and say to every man, "I have good news for you. Christ is dead for you. There's a Savior for you in Jesus Christ."*

Thomas Boston

*The business of the present hour is not to judge or to sift, but to catch fish, using a large net and giving it as wide a sweep as possible.*

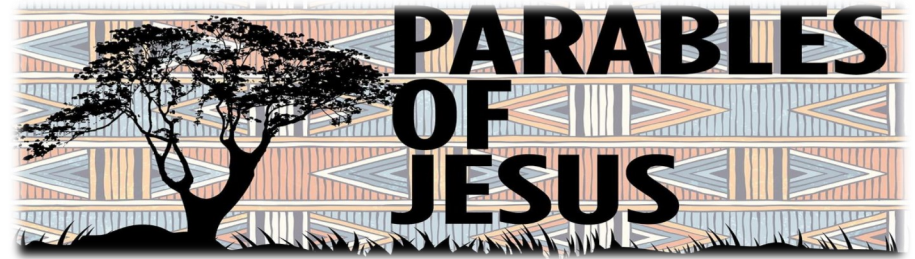
F.F. Bruce

*There is no way to describe hell. Nothing on earth can compare with it. No living person has any real idea of it. No madman in wildest flights of insanity ever beheld its horror. No man in delirium ever pictured a place so utterly terrible as this. No nightmare racing across a fevered mind ever produces a terror to match that of the mildest hell. No murder scene with splashed blood and oozing wound ever suggested a revulsion that could touch the border lands of hell. Let the most gifted writer exhaust his skill in describing this roaring cavern of unending flame, and he would not even brush in fancy the nearest edge of hell.*

Unknown Author

*Little by little, imperceptibly and silently, God's net is moving through the seas of time and bringing all men onto the shores of eternity for that inevitable separation.*

John MacArthur



Parable of the Dragnet  
Matthew 13:47-50

*Sermon*  
Notes

May 10, 2020

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?
2. What does the parable of the dragnet (*Matthew 13:47-50*) have in common with the parable of the wheat and tares (*Matthew 13:36-43*)?
3. In *Matthew 13:47-50*, what is the casting of the net a picture of? What is the dragnet a picture of?
4. What is the main point of the parable of the dragnet? A secondary point?
5. What does this parable teach us about God's character?
6. When will the judgment of man occur? Who will be the agents of God's judgment (*Matthew 13:49*)?
7. How does God feel about seeing the wicked perish eternally in hell? Support your answer with Scripture.
8. Why does Jesus use such strong language to describe the end for the *bad fish* (*Matthew 13:50*)?
9. Is the judgment of *bad fish* just? Explain.
10. What is the difference between the *good fish* and the *bad fish*? Sup-

port your answer with Scripture.

11. What do the angels do at the end of the age (*Matthew 13:49-50*)?
12. What does Jesus teach about hell in the following verses?  
*Matthew 23:14-15, 33* — *Luke 6:24-26* —  
*Matthew 25:29-30, 41, 46* — *Luke 12:5* —  
*Mark 9:43-48* — *Luke 16:19-31* —
13. How does *Hebrews 10:29* imply there will be different degrees of punishment in hell?
14. What does *Revelation 20:14-15* teach about the end of the ages?
15. How long will Christians be in heaven? Non-Christians in hell? Support your answer with Scripture.
16. Read *Matthew 25:31-46*. What is the visible sign of someone who knows Jesus? What is the difference between them and someone who does not know Jesus?
17. How do you reconcile the reality of God's judgment and the existence of hell with the fact that God is love?