

9/15/24

## **Sermon – The Harvest**

**Scripture – Mathew 24 parts and 25:31-46**

**Main Message – The end of the age, when Jesus returns to establish His Kingdom, will be a day unlike any other that has ever been.**

Read – Mathew 25:31-46

This hardly counts as a parable and from our continuing studies it is plain to see without a much, if any interpretation. This is continuation of the same theme that Jesus used in many of his parables and that is the separation between good and bad. Whether you like it or not, believe it or not, doesn't matter because this is the realm by which our Holy Righteous God is fully in charge of. Consider the following Parables as a remembrance.

*Parable of Wheat and Tares – wheat gathered, tares burned (Toxic False Wheat) is burned (Mt 13)*

*Parable of Net–Keep the good fish and discard the bad (Mt 13)*

*Parable of the Unforgiving Servant – Mt 18*

*Parable of the Talents Mt 25*

*Parable of Ten Virgins*

This separation at the end of the age is handled in many parables and in the same way. Jesus has told us over and over again because he wants us to know it – *Jesus desperately wants us to know this*. Why? Because he Loves you. How will it take place? This is job for the angels that do God's bidding. In every case the angels gather up the good and the bad. God is in charge. Will excuses be heard? No. Will weeping be heard? Yes.

There will be no Mercy for those who have never shown mercy. This is the heart of the forgiven. This is why Jesus told us the parable of the Unforgiving Servant. He was neither diligent or merciful. He was cast out. It is serious.

But when will this all happen? The disciples asked this question at the very beginning of Mathew 24 so let's read it. Notice that Jesus didn't say, "don't worry about it." He told them the answer. It includes a Parable that the enemy does not want you to understand. It is true and repeated in God's word that we do not know the day or the hour, but those who are awake and vigilant will know the season and will not be surprised. You don't want to be surprised. After all, JESUS TOLD US ALL THINGS so let's see what he says. If you read from Mathew 24:14 – 31 you will get a sense of this, but the parable of the fig tree is included to reinforce that it is the season we must know.

### **Read Mathew 24:32-35**

If you are interested in this kind of thing and desire a deeper understanding, I'll remind you this is why I do Bible Studies. Jesus wants you to know, therefore I want you to know. Not knowing is a bad idea, because you could make any one of these mistakes that Jesus has been explaining to us through these parables and scripture.

For now, according to what Jesus says, there must be a Holy Place for the Abomination of Desolation to stand in. We "assume" that to be a rebuilt temple in Jerusalem, but as you can imagine, that is not easily accomplished with the politics associated with such a move. In one sense that happened back in 70AD when the romans destroyed the Temple. But that was not the completion of the age because Jesus did not return at that time, the good and the bad have not been gathered up by angels, and Jesus is not ruling here on earth at this time so it has not yet happened. To understand this is a journey through scripture, knowledge of current events as well as historical events and to what end. It is of vital importance for that generation that will witness this happening. Come on out to Bible study and find out.

### **Read Mathew 24:42-43**

Don't for one minute think that because we don't know the exact timing that we should be oblivious to the season in which we live. Living like a hermit is not scriptural.