

The Parables of the Kingdom

Matthew 13:33-35, 44-46

(series #79)

Introduction: understanding words in their context

- The phrase “sons of the kingdom”
 - Matthew 13:38 - saved children of God
 - Matthew 8:12 - lost Jewish people

- “Lion” is used to depict both Jesus and Satan

I. The Parable of the Leaven v. 33

- A. The kingdom had a small beginning

- B. The influence of the kingdom has spread

II. The Editorial Note from Matthew vv. 34-35

- A. Jesus taught exclusively with parables

- B. This is parallel to Psalm 78:2

III. The Parable of the Hidden Treasure v. 44

- A. The kingdom is hidden from most people

- B. Some are willing to give up everything
 - Luke 12:15-21; 19:1-10; 18:18-23

IV. The Parable of the Pearl vv. 45-46

- A. The kingdom is the pearl of great price

- B. It is worth more than everything

Conclusion: Becoming a member of the kingdom

- Matthew 16:24-26