

Matthew 13:31-35, 44-53

DFH Worship Translation

³¹ He put before them another parable, saying, “The kingdom of the heavens is like a seed of a mustard plant, which a man took and sowed in his field;

³² which to be sure is the smallest of seeds, but when it has grown, it is larger than the vegetable plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.”

³³ He spoke to them another parable: “The kingdom of the heavens is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three seahs of flour until the whole was fermented.”

³⁴ Jesus spoke told all these things in parables to the crowds, and apart from a parable he said nothing to them,

³⁵ so that might be fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet, who said,

‘I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter what has been hidden from [the] foundation of [the]
world.’

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of the heavens is like a treasure chest that has been hidden in the field, which a man found and hid, and from his joy he goes away and sells everything that he has and buys the field.

⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of the heavens is like a man, a merchant, who searches for fine pearls;

⁴⁶ and after finding one precious pearl, he goes away and sells everything that he had and buys it.

⁴⁷ Again, the kingdom of the heavens is like a dragnet that has been cast into the sea and gathered [fish] of every kind;

⁴⁸ and when it is filled, they brought it up upon the shore, sat down, collected the good things into a container and cast out the rotten.

⁴⁹ So it will be in the close of the age, the angels will go out and separate the evil from the midst of the righteous,

⁵⁰ and they will throw them into the oven of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ Do you understand all these things?" They say to him, "Yes."

⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore, every scribe who becomes a disciple to the kingdom of the heavens is like a man, a master of the house, who takes out new and old from his treasure chest."

⁵³ And it happened when Jesus finished these parables, he went away from there.

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