Matthew 13

**The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast**

**31**He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. **32**Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

**The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl**

**44**“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

**45**“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. **46**When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

**The Parable of the Net**

**47**“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. **48**When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. **49**This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous **50**and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**51**“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

**52**He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.