

Sowing God's Certified Seed

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Introduction:

(**Jude 1:3**) "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Nothing tangible upon this earth is more important to defend than the faith once delivered to the saints through God's Holy Scriptures. We believe a study of the parables of the sower in Matthew 13 will strengthen our defense of God's Word. The context of these seven parables prepares Christ's disciples for what will happen here upon earth during His absence. The chapter ends with His own people of Nazareth rejecting His person, His work, and His Word, then trying to kill Him. Christ used the sower and the seed to teach truth by parables about both spiritual growth and opposition during His coming physical absence upon earth. The last five parables will continue and expand upon the truth revealed by our Lord's own interpretation of parables one and two. Our eschatology will follow a traditional dispensational, pre-tribulational, pre-millennial view of scripture.

Christ has already taught us in **Matthew 9:38** that He is The Lord of the Harvest. He tells us in **Matthew 13:37** that, "He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man." The seed Christ sows is His Word. In **Mat 13:19**, the seed is called the "word of the kingdom." In **Mark 4:14**, "The sower soweth the word." In **Matthew 13:38**, "The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one." **Matthew 13:30b** says, "...Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." Christ sets our context.

Parable #1 of the sower reveals the Lord of the Harvest sowing His wheat, the seed of His Word in the world to produce His children. The Devil, the flesh, and the world try to destroy God's seed in parable one. **Parable #2** of the tares reveals Satan mimicking Christ's kingdom work by sowing his own seed of tares among God's sown wheat. **Parable #3** of the mustard seed reveals the outward expansion of Satan's kingdom of growing tares. **Parable #4** of the leaven reveals the inward expansion of Satan's kingdom of growing tares. **Parable #5** of the hidden treasure reveals the growth and protection of God's word within Israel as God's hidden treasure. **Parable #6** of the pearl reveals the growth and protection of God's word within His body the church, which is Christ's pearl. **Parable #7** of the drag net reveals God's judgment upon Satan's kingdom of tares and the beginning of His own earthly kingdom.

I. Parable #1 God and His Word are the source of all good spiritual growth. Matthew 13-1-23

A. Jesus Christ is still Lord of the harvest and sovereign over His own Seed, His sowing, and His sons. With the multitudes assembled, Christ taught them from a boat the first of seven parables:

(**Matthew 13:3**) "And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;"

Since Jesus Christ is the Lord of the Harvest, owns the field, and owns His own seed, what gives the modern Bible version crowd the right or authority to create their own hybrid versions by altering God's spiritual seed? Jesus Christ is the eternal Word of God who created everything that exists. (**John 1:1-3**) He is still the Lord of the Harvest. He is still the source, sustainer, and sower of all good spiritual seed that accomplishes all good spiritual growth in this world. Christians should be only yielded servants of Christ in seed sowing. Because we sow His seed for Him, the seed we sow is not our choice but His.

B. The Devil, the Flesh, and the World constantly fight against the Sower and His Seed in this World. Satan seeks to render God's word ineffective so he can sow his own seed of tares.

1. The Devil swallows or devours the way side seeds. Lack of understanding is an excuse of unbelief used by those not receiving and believing God's Holy Word.

{4} And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

Christ gave us the interpretation:

(**Matthew 13:18,19**) "Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. {19} When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

Satan is the one who argues that the Bible is too hard to understand! Satan pushes the new bible versions and new methods of translation, and interpretation under the guise of new bible understanding. "Wayside" people believe and follow this lie of Satan for better Bible understanding. But why does Satan do such things? (**Luke 8:12**) "Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved." He uses their excuse of not understanding God's word to blind them and to damn their souls. (**2 Corinthians 4:3,4**)

It is Satan who deceives people into violating **Revelation 22:19**: "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

Satan persuades the modern Bible version crowd to think they can improve Bible understanding more than even the Holy Spirit who gave God's words. Satan deceives them into thinking either God was unable to put into words exactly what he meant. Or, God did not mean what He was saying in the words of Holy Scriptures He choose. They believe their job is to put their own words in God's mouth to help Him out. Their actions indicate that they believe modern Bible translators are smarter today than God was when he wrote the Bible. Human knowledge may be increasing, but God is omniscient!

The easy reading crowd is wrong. Peter said of the apostle Paul in **2 Peter 3:16** that he wrote, "...some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction." Satan has in every generation destroyed those who use the excuse that God's revealed Words of Holy Scripture are just too hard to be understand. The answer to understanding God's Word is to be born-again by the Holy Spirit, to be guided by the Spirit of Truth, and to walk in obedience to God's Spirit and His Holy Word.

2. The Flesh scorches the Seed. V. 20,21 Emotional feeling is an issue.

{20} But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; {21} Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

Christ's Word promised a blessing, not offense, to believers under persecution. (**Matthew 5:10-12**) "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. {11} Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. {12} Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." (**Matthew 11:6**) "And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me." Those most offended by God's Word are unbelievers. Herod is one evil example. He started by gladly hearing the words from God by John the Baptist and fearing him as a just and holy man of God. (**Mark 6:20**) "For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly." But Herod's feelings were changed when the influence of wine, women, and song appealed to his flesh. Then he cut off John's head. (**Matthew 14:1-12**). The hatred and violence was against Christ and His word. (**John 7:7**) "The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil."

Many "big growth churches" replace Bible preaching and teaching with emotional entertainment. They use feel good things like videos, rock music, dancing, drama, and other fleshly excitement trying to detract the unsaved from the offense of God's word. Someone has said, "What you win people with, is what you win them to." If people are won with things appealing to the flesh, they are offended and leave when their flesh comes under conviction or persecution because of God's Holy Word.

3. The World smother the seed. v. 22 Volition or Choice is an issue.

{22} He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. Mark adds to this in **Mark 4:19** "...and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word...."

God says, in **1 John 2:15-16**: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. {16} For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." Christ said in **Matthew 6:24**: "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Demas illustrated this danger in **2 Timothy 4:10a**: "For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world...." Lot pitched his tent toward Sodom (**Gen 13:12**) This is why we must heed the words of **Jeremiah 4:3** to "...Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns." The thorns of this world will drive away the truth of God's Holy Word.

C. The Word of God may be known by the fruit it produces in the believer's life.

{23} But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

The good ground for God's word is a good and honest heart. (**Luke 8:15**) "But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience." (**Psalms 92:13-14**) "Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. {14} They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing." (**Matthew 7:20**) "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

II. Parable #2 Satan and His tares are the source of all bad spiritual growth. Matthew 13:24-30 &37-43.

A. The source of evil seeds or tares in God's Kingdom v. 24,25

(**Matthew 13:24-30**) "Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: {25} But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

The interpretation of Christ:

(**Matthew 13:37-43**) "He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; {38} The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; {39a} The enemy that sowed them is the devil;

It is Satan who mimics God by sowing his own brand of corrupted seed in competition with God's Holy Word. Satan tries to look his best as a seed sower (**2 Corinthians 11:13-15**) "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. {14} And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. {15} Therefore it is no

great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." Satan always looks his best as a pervert quoting his own version of God's Word.

Adding anything to God's Holy Word that is not supported by the received Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek text is surely adding tares to God's Holy Word. This includes concept versions based upon dynamic equivalence, and every other human effort that alters revealed truth to make God's word conformable to the humanistic philosophies, desires and deceptions within our pagan culture. (**Revelation 22:18**) "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:"

The Holy Spirit of truth has already led each generation of believers in the past to accept the received or traditional Bible text which God has perpetuated and preserved. The Holy Spirit still leads those yielded to Him to know today the living, abiding, incorruptible word which God promised to preserve for them in every generation.. (**Psalms 12:6-7**) "The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. {7} Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."

B. The spears of evil growth in God's Kingdom v. 26,27

These are Satan's followers (Cheat or chess or darnel or false grain) (A weed grass that grows among grain such as rye or wheat.)

{26} But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. {27} So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

Satan is the father of these hypocrite tares! Tares are children of the Devil, not born again by the incorruptible seed of God's word. Remember, fallen angels as disembodied spirits begged to inter the swine in **Mat 8:32**. I believe they are indwelling many tares of Satan today in our world. It is logical for these tares to choose a modern perverted Bible. It is illogical that born-again saints will continue to do so once the Holy Spirit enlightens them. God's seeds and sons reveal God's fruit. Satan's seeds and sons reveal Satan's fruit.

God tells us how to approach such people and deal with them in **2 Timothy 2:24-26**: "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, (25) In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; {26} And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."

C. The solution to evil growth in God's Kingdom. v. 28-30

{28} He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? {29} But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. {30} Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn."

The interpretation of Christ:

(**Matthew 13:39-43**) The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. {40} As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. {41} The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; {42} And shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. {43} Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." Christ still uses saints to discipline sin in the church today. But, He will use angels to remove sinners from the world later before He establishes His earthly reign.

III. Parable #3 The Outward Stature of Bad Growth in God's kingdom. Matthew 13:31,32.

(**Matthew 13:31-33**) "Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: {32} Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

Herbs becoming trees violate God's law in Genesis that each thing reproduces after its own kind. The tree pictures Satan's first universal kingdom in rebellion. God used the cutting down of a tree to picture the temporary rejection of king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon because of his rebellion against a sovereign God in **Dan 4**.

The evil Babylonian system at the end of this age is pictured as a tree or roost for devil birds.

(**Revelation 18:1-4**) "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. {2} And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. (3) For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. {4} And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Bible separation from tares and trees is God's answer for believers.

The evil birds that plucked the seeds of God's Word in parable one, now roost in the top of the tree in parable three. The spiritual organization pictured here must be Satan's universal church of antichrist. No universal growth of any church or group of churches in this age will bring in the Kingdom of Christ. Such universal growth will only bring in the false kingdom of Satan's antichrist. The greatest lies of Satan forming his kingdom for antichrist today are ecumenism in the church and globalism in the government. Satan's plan mimics God's Plan for bringing in a future earthly kingdom.

In contrast to Satan and his evil birds roosting in the top of the mustard seed tree, Christ is the head of each true church and His believers are His body. (**Colossians 1:18**) "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence." (**Colossians 1:24**) "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill

up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:" A grain of wheat does not produce a large plant, but many grains together produce a good crop. So also, it is not the size of each individual church, but the collective growth of each Bible-believing church which really matters.

The future earthly kingdom of Christ is prophesied in **Daniel 2:34-35**: "Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. {35} Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth." The Kingdom of Christ is interpreted in **Daniel 2:44-45**: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. {45} Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure."

The largest "christian" religious organizations in the world seem characterized by the use of modern bible versions.. Born-again believers in the smaller Bible-believing Churches seem to use and defend the traditional Bible texts the most. Using modern Bible versions promotes false growth.

IV. Parable #4 The Inward Stature of Bad Growth in God's kingdom. Matthew 13:33.

{33} Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."

A. Leaven speaks of sin or evil growth within the kingdom. Like the tares sown by Satan in parable two.

1. Leaven pictures sin from the meaning of the word.

Leaven: 2219. zume, dzoo'-may; prob. from G2204; ferment (as if boiling up):--leaven.

2. Leaven pictures' sin or evil first in the O.T. sacrificial system.

(See **Exodus 12:15,19** and **Exodus 13:7**.)

3. Leaven pictures sin or evil in the church.

(**1 Corinthians 5:6-7**) "Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? {7} Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:"

(**Galatians 5:9**) "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."

4. Leaven in the preaching of Christ spoke of sin or evil.

(**Matthew 16:11-12**) "How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? {12} Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees." (**Mark 8:15**) "And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod."

5. Leaven today is still the doctrines of devils promoting sin or evil.

(**1 Timothy 4:1**) "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;"

6. Leaven today still has a form of godliness mixed with worldiness

(**2 Timothy 3:1-5**) "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. {2} For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, {3} Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, {4} Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; {5} Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

Leaven today is increasing as the end approaches, becoming more and more destructive. (**2 Timothy 3:13**) "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." (**2 Timothy 4:4**) "And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

7. Modern Bible versions are filled with spiritual leaven.

They water down sound doctrine, change the gender of even God to please sexists, question the deity of God, remove sins like sodomy and deny the literalness of heaven and hell. Liberals even glorify leaven or evil equating it with the gospel that will bring in the kingdom of god. What they say is true only if you define the kingdom they seek as the kingdom of Babylon described in **Rev. 17,18**, and the god of the kingdom as the satanic trinity found in **Rev. 12,13**. Satan's kingdom will control the world before the return of Christ to earth to establish His kingdom.

B. A woman is not the Son of Man. "...which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."

Women are used to picture doctrinal corruption from Eve in **Genesis 3** to Jezebel of **Revelation 2:20**. A harlot personifies the false ecumenical religion that will ride in upon the beast of global government in **Revelation 17**..Leaven hid in meal pictures deceptive growth. The true food value is dependent upon the meal and not the leaven. The grinding destroyed all fruit producing abilities so such seed can never reproduce. Shall Christ find faith on the earth at His return? (**Luke 18:8**).

Leaven corrupts the whole producing process and results in a corrupted product. Satan's leaven produces no growth, only the outward appearance of growth. God's wheat void of leaven is always the key to God's good growth in Bible-believing Churches. (**Matthew 28:18-20**) "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. {19} Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: {20} Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Amen." God's sowing and reaping is always done by the Son and Spirit of God with the word of God. The certified seed of God's Holy Scripture exposes Satan's leaven by the Spirit of truth.

Soul winning with incorruptible seed is the most urgent ministry we have with this world. (**John 4:35-38**) "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. {36} And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. {37} And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. {38} I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours."

Certified seed is important business in agriculture today. The Federal Seed Act and the United States Department of Agriculture regulate certified seed. Some states require farmers to purchase a license to plant certain seeds on their farms. This reminds us of the copyright laws some must obey to be licensed to reproduce their so called words of God from modern Bible versions. What human has the authority to certify or copyright God's revealed words?

Some conservatives are concerned about preserving the old "heirloom seeds" of the past. They are working to preserve, and perpetuate the old open pollinated, proven seed of their ancestors. They fear that mistakes in modern technology or new diseases may endanger the hybrid varieties and our future food supply. Many of us believe threats to the spiritual seed of God's Holy Words pose a greater danger because spiritual life in our age is being threatened. Bible perversion is bringing upon us the spiritual famine God prophesied in **Amos 8:11**. "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:"

God taught us His principle of reproduction in **Genesis 1:11,12**: "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. {12} And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good." God created all life on earth with self reproductive seed, which reproduces after its own kind. All seeds from God's original plants were God created, God perpetuated, and God preserved and therefore God's gift to all people who labor to grow them. The same truth applies to God's Holy Words of Holy Scripture! They are incorruptible seeds that have been God proclaimed, God perpetuated, and God preserved in each generation until this very day and hour! In the English language, those very words or seeds are found in our old authorized King James Bible which we believe, use, and defend.

In the animal world, you can cross a donkey and a mare and produce a mule, but mules do not reproduce. So also, cross bred hybrid plants do not reproduce their own qualities. Therefore, growers must buy new seeds each year fresh from the hybrid "variety originator" to be assured of the latest hybrid benefits. Hybrids are constantly being updated, refined, and improved to replace the so-called old, ordinary, outdated, or God-given seeds passed down by our ancestors.

Farmers use the latest hybrids because they believe the hybrids will grow the best crop and make the most money. Pastors use modern Bible hybrids for the same reasons to build big churches. You see the Bible hybrid is cultural sensitive to be acceptable to the sinful soil of this world. Just as the hybrids are the seeds you see in the paid advertisements of farm magazines; So also, hybrid bible versions are the spiritual seeds advertised in the religious media. Each new Bible version is created to replace the earlier versions. A Bible hybrid seems to stop growing and die out within a generation.

Modern Bible versions not translated by formal or complete equivalence standards produce hybrid versions by blending Satan or man's interpretation, words, and goals into God's sacred Holy Scriptures. True believers are born again by the incorruptible seed of God's Holy Word. (**1 Peter 1:23**) "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." We can only trust God's living, abiding Scriptures to produce eternal life.

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V. Parable #5. The Security of God's Sown Seed in God's Hidden treasure the O.T. saints (Israel) v. 44

(**Matthew 13:44**) "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

God gave his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ to pay the supreme price for our sins by His death on the cross. He broke down the middle wall of partition between Jew and Gentile and provided salvation to all who would receive Him. (**Eph 2**) God promised Old Testament Israel a Remnant preserved.

God repeatedly promised to preserve a remnant in **Ezra 9:8, Isaiah 1:9, 11:16, 46:3, Eze. 6:8, Joel 2:32, Mic. 7:18, Zep. 2:7**. " A future remnant is assured in the following promises: (Isaiah 37:31-32) "And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward: {32} For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this." (**Jeremiah 23:3**) "And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase."

God confirmed that a Remnant had been preserved in the New Testament.

(**Romans 9:27**) "Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved." (**Romans 11:5**) "Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." God has assured us by prophecy that Israel will have a remnant in the future.

(**Revelation 12:1-2**) "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: {2} And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered (**Revelation 12:5-6**) "And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. {6} And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days." (See also **Revelation 12:12-17**)

VI. Parable #6. The Security of God's Sown Seed in the pearl of N.T. saints produced and protected inside the body of the Word Incarnate, Christ's body, the Church. v. 45,46

{45} Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: {46} Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it."

An oyster spends its life covering a foreign object inside its body we call a pearl. Our Lord shed His precious blood for our sins, and covers us with His gloriously righteousness making us as members of his body, into His pearl. (2 Corinthians 5:21) "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

VII. Parable #7 The Summation of all sown seed in God's Kingdom v.47-52 God's judgment of all seed sown in this age both good and bad. He destroys the bad tares and trees of Satan's kingdom, and prepares His own wheat or children for His earthly kingdom.

A. The Parable of the Net stated v. 47,48

(Matthew 13:47-52) "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: {48} Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

B. The Parable of the Net explained v. 49-51

{49} So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, {50} And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Remember these warnings of Jesus Christ: (Matthew 3:12) "Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." **Mat 13:{30}** Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." (Matthew 13:40-43) "As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. {41} The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; {42} And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. {43} Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

We are either sowing the good wheat of God's Holy Scripture for the Lord, or we are sowing corrupted tares for Satan. "And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19). While some are gathering good vessels with the gospel of God's infallible Word, others are corrupting vessels for destruction. In light of **Matthew 13**, it is impossible to explain the modern Bible version controversy without identifying Satan as the primary promoter of perverted Bibles. "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." (1CO 14:33)