

22 He also that received seed among the thorns, is he that heareth the word; and the care *q* of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, *r* choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

23 But he that received seed into the good ground, is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it: which also beareth fruit, *s* and bringeth forth, some an hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty.

24 ¶ Another *t* parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good *u* seed in his field:

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

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?

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 *v* I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to *w* burn them: but gather the wheat *x* into my barn.

31 ¶ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a *y* 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, *z* so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

33 ¶ Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three ¹ measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; *a* and without a parable spake he not unto them:

35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, *b* saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept *c* secret from the foundation of the world.

A. D. 31.

q Lu. 14. 16-24.*r* Mar. 10. 23.

1 Ti. 6. 9.

2 Ti. 4. 10.

s Jno. 15. 5.*t* Is. 28. 10, 13.*u* 1 Pe. 1. 23.*v* 1 Ti. 5. 24.*w* Mal. 4. 1.*x* Lu. 3. 17.*y* Mar. 4. 30.*z* Eze. 17. 23.

¹ The Greek word signifies a measure about a peck and a half, wanting a little more than a pint.

a Mar. 4. 33.*b* Ps. 78. 2.*c* Lu. 10. 24.

Ro. 116. 25, 26.

Col. 1. 26.

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*d* Ro. 10. 18.

Col. 1. 6.

*e* 1 Pe. 1. 23.*f* Jno. 8. 44.

Ac. 13. 10.

1 Jno. 3. 8.

*g* Joel 3. 13.

Re. 14. 15.

*h* Re. 14. 15-19.*i* ver. 30.<sup>2</sup> or, scandals.*k* Lu. 13. 27.*l* ch. 3. 12.

Re. 19. 20.

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*m* ver. 50.

ch. 8. 12.

*n* Da. 12. 3.

1 Co. 15. 49.

*o* Pr. 2. 4, 5.*p* Phi. 3. 7, 8.*q* Is. 55. 1.

Re. 3. 18.

*r* Pr. 3. 14, 15.

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*s* ch. 22. 10.*t* ch. 25. 32.*u* ver. 42.*v* Pr. 10. 21.

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*w* Ca. 7. 13.

36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

38 The field is the world; *d* the good seed are the children of the kingdom; *e* but the tares are the children of the wicked *f* one;

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil: the harvest is the end of the world; *g* and the reapers are the angels. *h*

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; *i* 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 <sup>2</sup> things that offend, and *k* them which do iniquity;

42 And *l* shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there *m* shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine *n* forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

44 ¶ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure *o* hid in a field: the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth *p* all that he hath, and buyeth *q* that field.

45 ¶ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman, seeking goodly pearls:

46 Who, when he had found one *r* pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered *s* 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.

49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and *t* sever the wicked from among the just,

50 And *u* shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

51 Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.

52 Then said he unto them, Therefore, every scribe *which* is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven, is like unto a man *that* is an householder, which bringeth forth out *v* of his treasure things new and old. *w*

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