

What Do the Kingdom of Heaven Parables Tell Us?

Matthew 13

Match up the letters of the statements in the right column with any parables that you think present its idea of heaven. (Letters may be used more than once.)

Parables

Ideas about Heaven and Heavenly Life

The mustard seed

Leaven

Treasure in a field

Pearl of great price

A dragnet

- a) At the end of our natural lives all people go to heaven or hell.
- b) If we keep believing and acting according to this belief, then then heaven's happiness will grow within us.
- c) If we learn the truth and live according to it, good will grow within our lives.
- d) A person may seem small and insignificant in this world but will be great in heaven if he or she tries to do what is good.
- e) A person needs to be willing to give up everything that gets in the way of following the Lord.
- f) If you use the true ideas that you believe, they will grow from seeming small and insignificant to be large in your life.
- g) In the spiritual world the good and evil are separated and go to heaven or hell.
- h) There is no final judgment till after death, so we should not make final judgments on people in this world.
- i) A person must sacrifice some things to get to heaven.
- j) If a person finds what is really true, he or she should be willing to give up other beliefs for it.
- k) Knowing and understanding the Lord is an extremely precious thing.
- l) Spiritual struggles can help us recognize our evils and rise above them as we grow spiritually.