



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 13: 47-53

Jesus said to the disciples:

"The Kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea,
which collects fish of every kind.

When it is full they haul it ashore

and sit down to put what is good into buckets.

What is bad they throw away.

Thus it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous
and throw them into the fiery furnace,

where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

"Do you understand all these things?"

They answered, "Yes."

And he replied,

"Then every scribe who has been instructed in the Kingdom of heaven
is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom
both the new and the old."

When Jesus finished these parables, he went away from there.

Our Scripture Reflection

The concept of "Universalism" is at the heart of Jesus' teaching to His disciples in today's scripture text. The net and the huge catch of many different fish

serve as a metaphor for the fact that Jesus wants all people to be saved. He gave His life completely for all people, not just a privileged few.

Food for your Journey

The world is poor because her treasure is buried in the sky and all her treasure maps are of the earth.

—Calvin Miller.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Through my words and actions, help me to be a sign of Your love in the world. By living Your way, may I draw people close to You. Amen.