



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

While Jesus proclaims a universal Kingdom where all people are invited to enter, the criteria for entrance require an effort on the part of those who are

invited. That effort consists of following the teachings of Jesus faithfully and living a life that indicates a sincere gratitude to the Lord for His generous offer. While many are called not all will be chosen.

Food for your Journey

Nothing ... is more unjust than to judge a man by too short an acquaintance and too slight inspection; for it often happens, that in the loose, and thoughtless, and dissipated, there is a secret radical worth which may shoot out by proper cultivation; that the spark of Heaven, though dimmed and obstructed, is yet not extinguished, but may by the breath of counsel and exhortation be kindled into flame."

--Samuel Johnson, Rambler #70, November 17, 1750.

A Prayer from the Heart

Gracious Lord, By virtue of my Baptism you have extended a most generous invitation for me to enter Your Kingdom. What love You show to me and all of Your people! Through my living of the faith may I be found worthy one day to live life forever with You in glory. Amen