

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for March 23, 1986

The Parable of the Dragnet
Matthew 13:47-52
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Introduction:

The tragedy of not sharing or delaying to share Christ.

1. Teaches us the certainty of judgment for the unsaved. 'The Kingdom of heaven' the time is now the 'Kingdom' is the hearts of believers. The process of judgment had already begun. Believers are like a dragnet encompassing the globe.

The good fish—believers
The bad fish—unsaved
Matthew 25: 31-34 is the judgment
Hebrews 9:27, Once to die, then judgment
All will be gathered unto judgment

Hell—**Revelation 9, 11, 17** and **20**—the bottomless pit.
Matthew 8 and **25**—outer darkness
Matthew 13—lake of fire

All terms to describe what hell will be like. All describe “total fear” the worst thing you can possibly imagine and there is on going fear and torment.

Mark 9:48, “a place where the worm never dieth” the bodies of the wicked will experience this torment forever.

Verse 52, the responsibility as the ‘head of the household’ to minister out of our treasure the gospel of Jesus.