

Jesus' Parables—Size of the Kingdom

Jesus explains to the people of his day and to the people of this day through parables that his kingdom is enormous in size, majestic in beauty and value, and attainable for all who seek, ask, and knock upon the kingdom's door. Three kingdom parables in Matthew 13 teach us about the scope and size of this eternal place. The mustard seed grows to become the "largest" of garden plants and becomes a tree. Yeast is mixed into a "large" amount of flour and works to effect all the dough. A net is let down in the lake and catches "all kinds" of fish, "full" to capacity.

When John, the aged Apostle, encountered Jesus and his Angel on the Greek island of Patmos at the end of the first century, a measurement of the dimensions of the kingdom's city was given in Revelation 21.15-17. This city is laid out like a square cube with its length, width and height the same measurement of about 1,400 miles—each direction! This one city by comparison would cover on just the surface the entire continent of Australia, or again would stretch from Laredo, TX to Miami, FL; Miami to Albany, NY; Albany to Aberdeen, SD; and Aberdeen back to Laredo. Now, go up 1,400 miles, and the top of this celestial city is over 150 times higher than we fly our commercial jets. Of the estimated 106 billion people born since Adam, each person has a room (home)(hotel) 1,500'x1,500'x1,500'! (The tallest building in the world is in Dubai, 2,722 ft tall.)

There is room in God's Kingdom and in his eternal city for everyone. God is not willing, however, that any should perish—but that all would come to repentance. Serving in his kingdom now (the kingdom is within us) guarantees entrance into his kingdom to come. Who would not want to completely serve Jesus now and gain the mansion he is preparing for every disciple? Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be given unto you---Matt 6.33
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