

Characteristics of God's Kingdom on Earth

1. Prophesied of:
 - A. Daniel: **Dan. 2:44**
 - B. John the Baptist: **Matt. 3:1-2**
 - C. Jesus: **Matt. 4:17**
2. The Kingdom of Heaven would be in us. **Lk. 17:20-21; Rom. 14:17**
3. Jesus likened The Kingdom of God to a farmer sowing seed and the ground that the seed fell on. **Matt. 13:3-9**
 - A. The explanation to His disciples. **Matt: 13:18-23**
 1. The wayside – would not receive the word.
 2. The stony place: made a start but didn't continue serving God.
 3. Thorns: Lived for God half heartily but wasn't fruitful because of lack of commitment.
 4. Good ground – served God faithfully and won others to the Lord.
4. **Matt. 13:31-32** - The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed. Small but becomes great and visible. **Zech. 4:10; Psalms 1:1-3; Psalm 92:12-14**
5. **Matt. 13:33** – The Kingdom of Heaven is like leaven in meal: All the meal is affected but it's work is often unseen.
6. **Matt. 13:44-46** – The Kingdom of Heaven is like...
 - A. A treasure hid in a field. IE of great value
 - B. A Pearl of Great Price. Also of great value.
 - C. Each "sold all that he had." **Phil 3:7-8**
 - D. **Jn. 4:13-14** A well of water springing up within us.
7. The Fishing Net. **Matt. 13:47-50**; This reflects the endtime judgment of God. **Matt. 25:31-34, 41, 46**