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**There are mysteries about the kingdom of heaven, and they arise because the kingdom is present but not yet in its fullness, and because its King is at the moment rejected and humiliated ...**

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**... so that the glory that belongs  
inherently to Him and which will  
one day be visible to all is at  
present obscured.**

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**The inauguration of the kingdom  
by Jesus the Messiah has already  
taken place, but the outward signs  
of its presence are as yet very few.  
It is here, but not with irresistible  
power. Men can and do reject it.**

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**Indeed, it can be accepted only by those whose hearts have been made ready to receive it, just as seed can produce a crop only when it is sown in ground prepared for its fertilization. That is the essential point of the parable of the sower (3-9, 18-23).**

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**(31,32) But because the kingdom has already taken root in some hearts, results are bound to follow. The inevitability of growth from what appears a very small beginning to a result seemingly out of all proportion to it is the truth set forth in the parable of the mustard seed.**

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**Moreover the presence of the  
kingly reign of God is bound to  
penetrate the evil environment in  
which it is exercised as effectively  
as yeast penetrates and transforms  
the flour into which it is put (33).**

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**To be sure, the powers of evil,  
which will not be finally destroyed  
till the final judgment, will do all  
they can to resist the kingdom, but  
their efforts will ultimately be seen  
to have been to no purpose. That is  
the meaning of the parable of the  
tares (24-30, 36-43).**

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**And the complementary truth that,  
until the consummation comes,  
there will always be found along  
with the bona fide sons of the  
kingdom those who do not belong  
to it, is underlined in the parable of  
the drag-net (47-50).**



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**Finally, because the kingdom of heaven is the only lasting reality, and its worth is so incalculably precious, the person who is really eager to obtain its benefits, once he has been confronted by it, will readily and joyfully make the necessary sacrifice ...**

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**... whether it be loss of  
possessions, friends, or even of  
life itself. That is the teaching of  
the twin parables of the costly  
pearl and the hidden treasure  
(45,46,44).**

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