

the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net which was cast into the sea and gathered of every kind.

Comparison of these verses shows clearly that the phrase, "the kingdom of heaven is like" relates to the whole situation that follows, not simply to the particular noun that immediately follows the phrase. Sometimes here the kingdom of heaven is like a man who is looking for something; ~~something~~ sometimes it is like the thing that he looks for, the object of ~~his~~ his search. Actually the principal point of these parables is the way in which God's work would go forward in the present age. It deals with various aspects of this progress. The important is to find the particular aspect that is stressed in each one, to see how they fit together, and then to see in each parable just how much of the details in illustrating the point itself bears a ~~clear~~ relation to truths taught elsewhere, and how much of it is merely for ~~illustration~~ a pictorial development of the central feature of the parable. The first parable in the chapter, that of the sower/ sowing seed, which produces various results depending on where it lands, is to show how the spreading of the Gospel is to be given out widely and the results will vary tremendously in different ~~its~~ instances. Sometimes when it appears immediately to have great results these results will not be lasting at all. In some cases there will be no ~~apparent~~ apparent result; in some cases the results will be extremely great. These results do not depend primarily upon the ability of the sower as so far as this parable is concerned, but upon the varying nature of the soil into which the seed comes. falls.

The ~~next~~ next parable, of the wheat and the tares, shows that even as the ~~are~~ true seed of the Gospel is being distributed, there/~~is~~ also a false ideas distributed which produce result ~~in~~ in lives (?) that are hostile and contrary to what is ~~is~~ good. It is impossible to root (?) these entirely out of the world, or completely out of any portion of the church. It would of course ~~be~~ be absurd to say that this means that no attempt at weeding should be made. ~~It~~ Everything should be done of course to protect the good ~~seed~~ wheat, but it is illustrating the fact that it will be impossible during this age to completely exterminate completely to exterminate evil. Evil and good are both present^d and