

IHS 7 Kingdom Parables III - Matt 13

**8 Total: 4 Public - From the Bow of a boat for All
4 Private - In the house for the Disciples**

The Parables are Couplets:

Sowing Seed (Vs 3-23) - Householder (Vs 52)
Weeding Wheat: (Vs 4-43) - Dragnet: (Vs 47-50)
Little & Large: (Vs 31-32) - Leaven & Loaves: (Vs 33)

The Hidden Treasure: (Vs 44) - The Pearl of Great Price:
(Vs 45-46)

Earthly story with a Heavenly Meaning:
(Vs 11) Parables Explain the Mysteries or or Secrets of God.
Sacred Secrets, The Master's Mysteries

The Hidden Treasure: Vs 44 (Israel)

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Wrong Interpretation:

Treasure = Gospel
Field = Bible where the Gospel is.
Man = Sinner, who gives up everything to be a christian.

Correct Interpretation:

Vs 38 - The Field is the World.
Vs 37 - The Man is Jesus.
The treasure is not the gospel or Christ.
They are not hid in this world.
They are no friend of this world.

***Christ is not for Sale, Salvation is not for Sale.
Jesus is speaking to His disciples in Private.***

A Valuable Treasure: *ie. something precious, valuable,
"the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure"*

Reveal the Treasure: The Treasure is the Nation of Israel.

(Ex 19:5) *Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:*

(Ps 135:4) *For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure.*

The Church is never referred to as a Treasure.
The nation of Israel is never referred to as a Pearl.

God is not done with the nation of Israel:

(Matt 23:37-39)
(Rom 11:25-29)
(Ps 89:27-37)

The Veiled Kingdom: "hid in a field"

The Jew has been scattered through the earth because of their disobedience.
(Deut 4:27) Scattered among the nations of the world.

Divine Illumination is necessary:

(Rom 11:25) *For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*

The Jews are blinded to Christ and His Kingdom here during His absence.

One day the scales will come off their eyes as it did Paul's and they will see Jesus for who He is!

The Providence in the Finding:

"the which when a man hath found," Found = Providence (Luke 19:10) The son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

The Word "*Found*" is a transliteration of the same root word we get "*EUREKA*"

This does not lessen the value, but emphasizes the Grace of God in revealing it to man.

The Protecting after the Finding:

"the which when a man hath found, he hideth"

Here is the danger in misinterpreting a parable. There is One Interpretation, or One Point it teaches.

It would be dishonest for this person to conceal a treasure found on someone else's property and then purchase the field at current value without their knowledge of the increased value of the field.

But the fact that he "Hid" the treasure only magnifies the point of the Parable, that the man realized what he had found was of great value and he did not want to lose it.

The Pleasure in the Finding and Buying:

"and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field."

It was the Treasure that which caused the man to have much ***Joy in Finding and Buying.***

It was not the field that brought Joy.

The field alone is worthless compared to the treasure.

The field w/o the treasure would bring very little Joy

Atheism is, "*Give me the Field, hold the God.*"

The World is without true Joy, it is an empty field at best.

The Price in the Funding and Buying

"goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field."

The Parable is NOT teaching that salvation is for sale.

(1 Pet 1:18-19) *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

Redeeming the Treasure:

Jesus bought the field that He might Redeem the Treasure.

(Gal 4:4-5) *But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*

Jesus Purchased the field with His own Blood.

(Zech 13:1) *In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.*

Reclaim the Treasure:

He bought the field so He could come back and Reclaim the treasure for Himself.

(Zech 13:9) *And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.*

JESUS PAIRED THIS PARABLE WITH THE NEXT AS A COMPARISON.

The Pearl of Great Price: Vs 45-46

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

“Again” Repetition is the key to learning

Why do you ALWAYS talk about soul winning?

Why do you ALWAYS talk about DOCTRINE?

REPETITION is the Key to Learning.

Illus: The Old preacher preached 5 messages on tithing. When you start tithing, I will move on!

“Again, Again, Again”

This also underscores the importance of being in church every week faithfully.

Illus: ESPN Classic Chanel Old Re-run Games.

We are still learning from these re-runs.

REPETITION is the Key to Learning.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

Many people have misinterpreted this Parable.

They believe the Merchantman is a the Lost Sinner.

They Believe Jesus is the Pearl of Great Price.

(Rom 3:11) *There is none that seeketh after God.*

“Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.”

Salvation cannot be bought with a price.

Jesus cannot be bought.

Man is bankrupt

(Matt 16:26) *For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*

(Rom 7:18) *For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing:*

(Is 64:6) *All our Righteousnesses are as filthy rags.*

“The kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man,”

Christ is that Merchant man.

The Church is the Pearl.

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How the Pearl was Wrought:

The Best Pearls are found in the Persian Gulf. 150ft depth.

Pearls are unique in that it is the result of an injury.

Sand gets into an oyster shell and injures it.
The Oyster then covers the grain of sand with layer upon
layer of Nacre until the precious pearl is created.
These layers cover this gritty, impurity.

These layers continue to build until something beautiful is
made out of something ugly.

Pearls are unique among jewels:

It is the only kind of Jewel that comes from a living
organism.

Pearls are unique among jewels: Cannot be divided

The Pearl represents us in that God has taken that Grit and
turned it into Glory.

“He was wounded for our Transgressions.”

He has clothed our Guilt with His Glory.

*(Titus 2:14) Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem
us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar
people, zealous of good works.*

*(1 Pet 3:18) For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the
just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put
to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*

He has elevated us to the height of glory.

The pearl has brought out of the troubled sea, and has been
made fit to be worn in the bosom of the King!
We are made to shine in His glory forever.

He has elevated us from the depths of Darkness into Light

The Pearl, not only absorbs light, it reflects light.

From Grit to Glory
From Depth to Light
From Darkness to Light

All formed by a wound, covered in Glory, without blemish.

**Pearls are unique because they are not prevalent in
scripture**

1 reference in Job
Jesus mentions them about casting them before swine.
A Unique reference I never understood until now, was the
Gates of Pearl in the Book of Revelation.

*(Rev 21:21) And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every
several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was
pure gold, as it were transparent glass.*

***We will have access to the Heavenly city because of the
wound of sin, covered by the Pure Nacre of Christ's blood.***

Our sin wounded Christ & He covers that wound completely
*(Titus 2:14) Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem
us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar
people, zealous of good works.*

The Commodity He Sought:

Pearl is translated from the Sanscrit and means pure.
It is the same word we get the English name Margaret from.
“goodly” - virtuous, pure,
*(1 Pet 1:22) Seeing ye have PURIFIED your souls in
obeying the truth through the Spirit ...*

This should be of no surprise to us.

Christ does not deal in Junk.

Christ is looking for us to be pure as well.

We need to have this attitude in our service to the king.

We are sinners, and our righteousness is as filthy rags.

But as His servant, He should get our best.

Our Best efforts, Our Best love, Our Best Service.

If it is not acceptable on the job, it should not be acceptable in our service to the King!

If tardiness is not acceptable on the job, it should not be acceptable in our service to the King.

If incomplete work is not acceptable on the job, it should not be acceptable in our work for the King.

If not being prepared for a briefing is unthinkable, why is being unprepared acceptable in our service to the King?

He was seeking goodly, pure, beautiful, High quality.
He deserves it.

The Persistence in the Search

“found one pearl of great price”

He stayed with it till he found it!

Illus: Crater of Diamonds, It is some people lively hood.

Persistency is the Key to success.

If you feel that your spiritual life is non-productive, translate this principle into your church attendance, bible reading, prayer, witnessing and tithing.

“Of Great Price”

The best things have the highest price tags.

Some folks come to church wanting a million dollar experience, but want the economy price.

People want to be apart of an alive, vibrant church, but few want to pay the price to help make it alive and vibrant.

BOTTOM LINE: Success is NOT Cheap!

You must put in your best effort to get the best results out.

The Sacrifice in the Parable: (Matt 13:46)

“went and sold all that he had, and bought it.”

(2 Cor 8:9) For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

When a man gives away all he has, he is bankrupt.

In the last parable, we saw the sacrifice that man would make because of being apart of the Kingdom.

In this parable, we see the sacrifice that Christ would make FOR the Kingdom.

He went to a STABLE so I could go to a MANSION.

He was REJECTED so I could be ACCEPTED.

Stephen knew the Value of the Kingdom: (Acts 7:59-60)

Paul knew the Value of the Kingdom: (Phil 3:8)

This is not teaching that Salvation is something you buy.

The Apostles asked Christ about it's value, and He told them of it. (Mark 10:28-30; Luke 18:28-30)

This is not teaching that Salvation is something YOU Sacrifice for to gain.

This Parable is not teaching how to Be saved, but IT IS TEACHING us how to VALUE our salvation!

We view missionaries with such awe, for they sacrifice much of this world's good, fame, and comforts to serve God in a foreign field, yet that is supposed to be the norm for all Christians.

I realize that many of you were brought here by your jobs, but when you leave that employ, where will you settle?

Will you find work, and then concern yourself with finding a church?

OR, Will you ask God what church He wants you to serve Him in, and then concern yourself with finding work & Housing?

The World's Value system is based on faulty logic.

Don't make decisions like the world does.

Money is only a tool.

Don't let it be your value system.

What is it we VALUE MOST?????

What are you willing to sacrifice your ALL for?

We all sacrifice for something.

Are we sacrificing the eternal for the temporal?

Are we sacrificing the heavenly for the worldly?

This is Not a parable of Man seeking God, but God seeking Men.

(1 Cor 6:20) *For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

(1 Pet 1:18-19) *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

This does not teach that Christ "Sold" anything to get the Kingdom, but the key word is "ALL".

Christ sacrificed all for us.

Let the price of His sacrifice inspire our loyalty and service.

But how can the Christian, or the church represent the Pearl, when we are sinners and the church full of sinners.

Because the wounds that our sin created were covered by His blood.

(Zech 13:6) *And one shall say unto him, What are these WOUNDS in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.*

(Is 53:5) *But he was WOUNDED for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

The Pearl is unique in that it cannot be cut into smaller parts.

We lose nothing when we share our Salvation with others.

