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The New Testament!
Matthew 13:44-46
"The Parable of Treasure and the Pearls"!

Matthew 13:44-46 (ESV)
The Parable of the Hidden Treasure
The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value

Introduction

I have leap frogged the parable of the mustard seed and yeast and want to look at the parable of the treasures and pearls

Both parables again represents the Kingdom of heaven

These two in particular teach the value of the being in the Kingdom of Heaven

How valuable it is to have the Kingdom of Heaven as a possession

The question this morning is this; "what would we be willing to part with to have the Kingdom of Heaven"?

The 2nd question is for next week, "what would we do with the Kingdom of Heaven if we had it"?

Let's get started with a little more introduction!

Matthew 13:44-46 (ESV)
The Parable of the Hidden Treasure
44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

The theme is still the Kingdom of heaven

The man came upon a hidden treasure

He was not looking for it but he found it

Isaiah 65:1 (KJV) I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name.

Then in order to have right to the treasure the finder had to go and buy the field

What is it that we must part with to have the Kingdom of God?

The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

In this account the treasure, the pearl was found while looking for it, it did not happen by accident The merchant was a seller of pearls and that is what he was looking for

He reads, studies and searches for these pearls

He finds the gospel

When he does he realizes he has found the "most" precious of precious things

Then in a calculated decision sales all he has to get this possession (IRAs, real estate, retirement accounts, anything that had "worldly" value)

Listen to me carefully, I tell you and the Scripture tells us that we must be willing to give up all for Christ, not of compulsion, but willingly

Mark 10:17-221 (ESV)

The Rich Young Man

Luke 9:23-26 (ESV)

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

Both of these men were anxious, excited and eager to sell all they had to get the "one" pleasure that will make them rich for eternal life

Summary

All that is a part of the kingdom of God, the word, His grace, His favor, His blessings which God dispensed out of the gospel, is like, that treasure and pearl and is to be esteemed

When they are exposed to the grace of God They should inwardly rejoice in the revelation, and bless God for it, whatever it cost them, labor that they might be made secure processors of

Isaiah 55:1-2 (ESV) "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money,

without money and without price.

2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

The gospel cannot be bought but there is some resemblance

Now get this: in buying and selling there is a parting with something that is ours, in exchange for something which is another's

In order to obtain the grace of the gospel, and the kingdom of glory, forgiveness and salvation

We have nothing to give in order to get God's favor

There is something we must be willing to part with

You know what that something is, the gospels says (our way, our sins, trusting in our self and putting all our trust in Him and His finished work and in publically and privately claiming Him and His work as our own)!

When true grace is found...

The person will part with all they have, an old heart,
lusts, desires and pet sins, our (wait wait) riches,
honors and (wow) pleasures

But preacher!!!

Let me remind you of the rich young ruler!

But preacher!!!

Let me remind you of the Words of the "One" who
paid the price, in Matthew and Luke, "if anyone
would come after me" he must.... and take up his
"cross" and follow me

Yet it is a buying, whatever God might ask for we are
willing to give, because it is what God is pleased to
accept, and upon the parting with gives us this
heavenly kingdom

The state of gospel understanding is this; that men
having a discovery of things eternal and things they
were not aware of before

Eternal life and immortality being brought to light
through the gospel

***2 Timothy 1:10 (ESV) And which now has been
manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ
Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and
immortality to light through the gospel.***

***John 1:17 (ESV) For the law was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.***

Born again men and women are set at seeking
spiritual things, as merchants do for special pearls

When God reveals Christ and His grace to a soul

It appears to them as a pearl of great price

Of more value than all they have in the world

They are then ready to part with all to obtain Christ
and his grace