

December 29, 2019

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

**Matthew 13:44-46 (ESV)**  
**The Parable of the Hidden Treasure**

**Introduction**

Last week I jumped ahead a couple of parables, I leap frogged the parable of the mustard seed and yeast and want to look at the parable of the treasures and pearls

The question last week was; "what would we be willing to part with to have the Kingdom of Heaven"? The 2<sup>nd</sup> question for this week is, "what would we do with the Kingdom of Heaven if we had it"?

follower of Jesus conduct explained. J.C. Ryle, *"He is what he is, and does what he does in his religion, because he is thoroughly persuaded that it is worthwhile. He comes out from the world; he puts off the old man; he leaves his vain companions of his past life."*

When people are not willing to venture anything for Christ's sake, can we not sorrowfully draw the conclusion that they do not have the grace of God? So today after having determining to have the prize what are we to do with it?

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Quick review!

**Matthew 13:44-46 (ESV)**

**The Parable of the Hidden Treasure**

The theme is still the Kingdom of heaven

**The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value**

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

- 1. The two men recognized the values of what they had found

*Psalm 84:10 (ESV) For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.*

*Psalm 19:10 (ESV) More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.*

*Psalm 119:127-128 (ESV) Therefore I love your commandments above gold, above fine gold. 128 Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right; I hate every false way.*

*Philippians 3:13-14 (ESV) Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

He has had a radical change, he has recognized his poverty, and he has seen the splendor of Jesus

- 2. They determined to have it  
Let's contrast two men
- 3. They sold everything and made the purchase!

**Isaiah 55:1-2 (ESV) The Compassion of the Lord**  
**1 "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk 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.**

So if that is the case why did the men sell all their goods?

Martin Luther, "let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also!"

He did not think for a moment salvation could be purchased by works or the renunciation of valued people or property or possessions, but he was determined that, not even life itself, keep him from the Kingdom of God

4. They acquired the treasure  
They sold "all" to get what they found

So do we have the treasure and/or the pearl  
**Psalm 81:11-12 (ESV) "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. 12 So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.**  
**Genesis 6:3 (KJV) And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.**

If we do have the treasure and/or the pearl, what are we going to do with them in 2020?

1. God gives more to those who improve upon what they have been given  
Here is the rule, those who have true grace will improve on it and will be given more

2. Here is the final principle  
We should grow and progress throughout our Christian life
  - a. study the Word and pray  
Become a man, woman, young person of the Word and prayer
  - b. make time to worship the Lord and study as a couple and/or as a family  
**Genesis 18:19, Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 2 Timothy 3:15**
  - c. Get involved in your local NT church  
worship corporately  
attend preaching and teaching  
observe the ordinances of the church  
do not forsake the assembling

#### Assignment

1. Decide individually what you plan is to grow spiritually in 2020?  
Bible Reading and Private prayer

#### If it applies...

2. What will you do spiritually to promote the salvation and sanctification of you family in 2020?
3. What is your commitment to your church in 2020?  
Attendance, Contribution (work and giving)?