

**Eight Parables of the Kingdom—Part 5**  
**“The Parables of the Treasure & the Pearl”**  
**Matthew 13:44-46**

**I. The Parable of the Hidden Treasure (v. 44)**

- a. **the kingdom of heaven** = salvation by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ
- b. this **man** wasn't looking for this **treasure** (cf. Acts 9)
- c. This is a short Parable, not an allegory, so every little detail is not important:
  - i. In the ancient world there was no moral dilemma in finding a **treasure** in someone else's **field**
  - ii. He did not hide the treasure **again** immorally; he just wanted to protect it while he legally bought the **field**
  - iii. We should not hide the Gospel!
- d. The Main Lesson of this Parable is HOW you should respond to Jesus:
  - i. The man acted out of **joy** (cf. Ps. 84:10; cf. Ps. 19:9-10; 119:127-128; Phil. 3:13-14)
  - ii. The gift of salvation is FREE to possess! (cf. Rom. 3:24; 5:15; 6:23; Eph. 2:8-9)
  - iii. But it may cost you everything to keep! (cf. Matt. 10:34-39)
  - iv. It's not enough to know about the kingdom of heaven; you must also possess it! (cf. Rom. 10:1-15)

**II. The Parable of the Valuable Pearl:**

- a. **again** = **palin** (πάλιν) = these two parables are closely linked
- b. But there is a big difference:
  - i. The **man** found the **treasure** unexpectedly, but this **merchant** was **seeking** it very earnestly.
  - ii. Jesus is telling us that **the kingdom of heaven** is open to everyone! (cf. Isa. 55:1-3)
- c. **merchant** = **emporos** (ἐμπορος) = “one who is engaged in commerce and trade—‘merchant’” VS. **kapēleuō** (καπηλεύω) = “to engage in retail business, with the implication of deceptiveness and greedy motives—to peddle for profit, a huckster”
- d. The right response to Jesus is being willing to give up everything and anything to follow Him! (cf. 1 Kings 18:21; James 4:4; Matt. 6:24; 8:18-22; 16:24-26; Luke 9:57-62; John 15:19; Rom. 8:7; Gal. 1:10; 1 John 2:15)