

**Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ**  
**Kingdom Parables**  
**Parables of the Treasure, of the Pearl, and of the Net**

Last time...Jesus taught 2 more Kingdom Parables...

4. Parable of the Mustard Seed
5. Parable of the Leaven

Same message: The Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Author and Finisher, the Beginning and the End Who knows the end before the beginning tells His disciples how a new work/Body (the Church) would end before it even began

- something is amiss...not as He had intended
- compromised
- corrupted

This time...another 3 Kingdom Parables

6. Parable of the Treasure
7. Parable of the Pearl of great price
8. Parable of the Net

We will be in Matt 13

## Matt 13

v44 treasure his in a field...a man...selles all:

Kingdom Parable #6

Scene: Jesus is still in the house with the 12 (v36)

With Mark 4:13 as our guide, using Jesus' plain teaching of Parable of Sower and the Parable of the Tares:

- a man = The Son of Man, Jesus Himself
- in a field = the world (v37-38a)
- treasure = ?

Scripture interprets Scripture, man does not

Looking at the house of David, thru which would come the Messiah...

Boaz	Ruth 4:1-11 (Boaz is David's great grandfather) Boaz redeemed/purchased a kinsman's estate... <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• land</li><li>• a Gentile woman/bride</li></ul>
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David	And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy <i>it</i> of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel. (2 Sam 24:24-25)
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Son of David (Phil 2:5-11)

Real Treasure can only be gained by personal sacrifice  
(vs ill-gotten gain by fraud or oppression)

What treasure in the world was concealed, kept secret, that Jesus joyfully sold all that He had (great personal sacrifice) in order to buy it?

(John 17) a Bride in but not of the world

(Eph 5:25-32)

Gal 1:3-4      Grace *be* to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father

Gal 2:20      I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me

Titus 2:13-14   Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 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 Cor 6:19-20   ye are bought with a price

Heb 12:2      Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God

Jesus gave/"sold" everything He had to buy/redeem the world to get the treasure in the world – His Bride, the Church...those who believe/trust in Him

He alone could, He alone did pay the price...

no mere man nor all men combined could

Foreshadowed by his ancestor in mankind, Boaz, bought the field of Naomi

in order to purchase/redeem his bride, Ruth

(Gentile who loved the God of Israel, Ruth 1:16)

This Parable of the Treasure is Jesus Christ's act of redemption succinctly stated in one sentence

To His purchased Treasure, He gives gifts

John 3:16      Himself, the Son of God

Acts 8:20      Holy Spirit

Rom 6:23      eternal life

Eph 2:8-9      salvation from eternal death

2 Tim 1:6      spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12, 14 and Rom 12)

The kingdom of heaven is another gift of God, it cannot be bought by any man  
Ps 49:6-9, 15

They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of  
their riches; None *of them* can by any means redeem his brother, nor give  
to God a ransom for him: (For the redemption of their soul *is* precious,  
and it ceaseth for ever:) That he should still live for ever, *and* not see  
corruption

But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave

v45-46 a merchant man...one pearl of great price:  
Kingdom Parable #7...sounds much like #6

Jesus is teaching the same principle as in the Parable of the Treasure  
(linking them as He had the Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Leaven)

a (merchant) man = Jesus, the Son of Man  
one pearl = Church, His Bride  
great price = His blood

A great price had to be paid for this ultra valuable, rare, unique gem  
Only Jesus Christ could pay the price...His sinless Blood...and willingly did so

This parable about the kingdom of heaven would have been peculiar in the ears of  
His Jewish disciples because the Jews did not value pearls  
(unclean per Lev 11:9-10),  
but Gentiles did

Since the Parables of the Treasure and of the Pearl of great price are the same message,  
let's stop here to consider what this message means to us today

Treasure:

In the mind of Christ, we were worth **Jesus** giving up everything in order  
to buy/purchase/redeem us

Therefore, in a like-minded relationship as Husband/Bride, the kingdom of  
heaven to **us** is worth unconditionally giving up everything we  
have, are, hope to be

Matt 6:33

And now, we are joint-heirs with our Bridegroom!

Rom 8:17      The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that  
we are the children of God: And if children, then  
heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so  
be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also  
glorified together  
(our own personal sacrifice for real treasure)

Gal 3:29      And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed,  
and heirs according to the promise

Titus 3:7      That being justified by his grace, we should be  
made heirs according to the hope of eternal life

Heb 1:14      Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to  
minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

James 2:5      Harken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God  
chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs  
of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that  
love him?

Pearl:

**Jesus** saw in us something of supreme value and willingly paid the great price to redeem us

Therefore, in a like-minded relationship as Husband/Bride, the kingdom of heaven is of supreme value to **us**, dictating our choices... what we are willing to part with in order to have Jesus Christ and His kingdom

We make a progression of wiser and wiser choices as we mature/grow in our relationship with Jesus

1. good vs bad
2. good vs better
3. better vs best

We must be willing (our choice)  
to have the Best (Jesus Christ with a whole heart),  
even if it costs us everything we possess

Until we are ready and willing to surrender everything to Jesus...  
just as He did for us...we are not fit, not worthy, to be His  
disciples

John 3:30

Matt 10:32-42

Matt 19:16-29

Matt 16:21-27

Jesus 1<sup>st</sup>, all others next (Matt 22:36-40)  
giving all to Jesus is not a losing proposition  
lay everything down for Jesus, He did for us

To escape the Cross is a temptation/deception from hell  
Jesus calls us to take up our cross,  
the enemy tempts us to escape the cross

Jesus exhorts us to make the Best choice...Him

Luke 21:33-36

Which leads right into the 8<sup>th</sup> Kingdom Parable

v47-50 a net...good...bad...the end of the world, the angels:

This parable sounds a lot like the Parable of the Tares

(also explained directly by Jesus); these 2 parables are linked also

The kingdom of heaven being likened unto a net would be very familiar to His disciples...fishing net as used in the Sea of Galilee by half of the disciples

The sea = the nations, Adam's race

Ps 65:5-7

Is 57:20 the wicked *are* like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest,  
whose waters cast up mire and dirt

in which are two kinds of fish/people, His disciples being fishers of men

Matt 4:19

1. good = edible, useful, of value, just(ified)  
willing to deny Self, take up the Cross and follow Jesus...worthy
2. bad = inedible, not useful, of no value, wicked  
not willing to deny Self, take up the Cross and follow Jesus...unworthy  
tempted/deceived into escaping the Cross

At the end of the world the angels (reapers and fishers) separate the good from the bad...each according to their will/works and resulting reward (Rev 22:12)

The good will enter into the kingdom of heaven/God

The bad will be cast into a furnace of fire

- temporary: hell
- eternal: LoF

As was the Parable of the Tares, this is a parable of judgment for those who do not accept

- the gift of God (The Man in Parable of the Treasure)
- the price paid by Jesus (the merchant man in Parable of the Pearl of Great Price)

Jesus Christ is offering gifts to whosoever will trust their eternal souls with Him

- Himself, the Son of God
- Holy Spirit, the indwelling Spirit
- eternal life
- salvation from eternal death
- spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12, 14 and Rom 12)
- the kingdom of God
- hope

Have you by faith received all of those gifts?  
If want to, come pray with me

Let's seek the Lord and cry out for His help to live out Gal 2:20

Small group prayer  
Closing song