

Sunday, July 26th, 2026
Sermon Series: "Parables."
"The Kingdom of God." *Matthew 13.44-52*
(Pentecost)

The Parables of the Kingdom

The Kingdom of Heaven (God)... "God's righteous reign; the divine action that occurs where Jesus is, through His words and deeds." -*The Lutheran Study Bible*

The Kingdom of Heaven (God): "...the range of God's effective will, where what God wants done is done."
Dallas Willard - *The Divine Conspiracy*.

Principles from the Parables...

The Kingdom of Heaven (God) is _____.

Matthew 13.44a, 45 The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field.... ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls..."

Matthew 6.19-21 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The King has _____ You!

Matthew 13.44b ...which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Hebrews 12.2 ...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Matthew 13.46 ...who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

1 Peter 1.18-19 ...knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Deuteronomy 7.6. "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth."

Matthew 13.47-48 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad."

(Answers: Invaluable, Chosen.)