

Parables of the Hidden Treasure & Costly Pearl Mt. 13:44-46

I. The parables

- A. The kingdom is like hidden treasure (v. 44a)
- B. When found a man hides it (v. 44b)
- C. Sell all to buy field (v. 44c)
- D. The kingdom is like a costly pearl (v. 45)
- E. Sold all & bought it (v. 46)

II. Lessons from the parables

- A. The value of the church (v. 44b)
 - 1. Jesus purchased the church & gave Himself for it (Ac. 20:28; Ga. 1:4; Ep. 5:25-27)
 - 2. Paul knew the value of the church (Ph. 3:7-8)
- B. The cost of being a disciple (cf. v. 44c)
 - 1. Jesus' teaching in the parable of counting the cost (Lk. 14:25-33)
 - a. Must "hate" relative & oneself (Lk. 14:26; cf. Mt. 10:37)
 - b. Must bear "cross" (Lk. 14:27; cf. Mt. 10:38; 16:24; Mk. 8:34; Lk. 9:23)
 - c. Must "forsake" all (Lk. 14:33)
 - 2. Jesus will repay all (Mt. 19:27-30; Mk. 10:28-31; Lk. 18:28-30)