



The Gospel of Matthew

"The Incomparable Value of the Kingdom"
Matthew 13:44-52

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea, and gathering fish of every kind; and when it was filled, they drew it up on the beach; they sat down, and gathered the good fish into containers but the bad they threw away.

So it will be at the end of the age; the angels shall come forth, and take the wicked from among the righteous, and cast them into the furnace of fire; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

"Have you understood all these things" They said to Him, "Yes."

And He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings forth out of his treasure things new and old."

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Parables of the Kingdom

1. Parable of the Dragnet (v47-50)

- the present kingdom age is characterized by a mixture of the righteous and the wicked
- at the end of this age, the wicked will be separated and cast into fiery judgment



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2. Parables of the Treasure and the Pearl

- *the kingdom of heaven is so valuable that losing everything on earth, but gaining the kingdom, is a joyful exchange*



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- a) the incomparable value of the kingdom
 - the saving reign of God through Christ in our lives far surpasses everything

“But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ...”

Philippians 3:7-8



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2. Parables of the Treasure and the Pearl

- b) the appropriate treasuring of the kingdom
 - the people who receive the kingdom treasure it more than everything else



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- c) the *joyful* sacrifice for the kingdom
 - treasuring the value of the kingdom produces a joyful losing of everything else
 - there is no ultimate self-denial or sacrifice if you possess the kingdom

Then Peter answered and said to Him, “Behold we left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?”

And Jesus said to them... “everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name’s sake, shall receive many times as much, and shall inherit eternal life.”

(Matthew 19:27-29)