

TWO PARABLES ABOUT THE WORTH OF THE KINGDOM
(Matthew 13:44-46)

- I. The Parable of the HIDDEN TREASURE (Matt. 13:44)
 - A. The Kingdom “is like a TREASURE hidden in the FIELD...”
 - 1. It had been BURIED for SAFEKEEPING
 - 2. It had been LOST and remained UNCLAIMED
 - B. A man FOUND it, and HID it AGAIN
 - 1. He had NOT been SEARCHING for it
 - 2. He RECOGNIZED its GREAT VALUE
 - 3. He was OVERJOYED with the discovery
 - C. The man sold EVERYTHING HE OWNED so he can BUY the field
 - 1. Purchasing it was worth SACRIFICING EVERYTHING
 - 2. The treasure was worth MORE than the price PAID

- II. The Parable of the PEARL of GREAT VALUE (Matt. 13:45-46)
 - A. The Kingdom “is like a merchant SEEKING FINE PEARLS”
 - 1. He was expending EFFORT in his SEARCH

2. His merchandise was of GREAT VALUE
 3. He would SELL what he BOUGHT for a PROFIT
- B. He found ONE PEARL of GREAT VALUE
 - C. He sold EVERYTHING HE OWNED so he could BUY the pearl

III. LESSONS from the Parables

- A. The Kingdom must be appropriated PERSONALLY
- B. The Kingdom is PRICELESS
- C. The Kingdom is not a VISIBLE ENTITY
- D. The Kingdom is the source of TRUE JOY
- E. The Kingdom may be ENTERED from different CIRCUMSTANCES
- F. The Kingdom is appropriated through personal SURRENDER