



Week 3: The Parables of the Treasure and the Pearl

Matthew 13:44, 45

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. 45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. 46 When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."

What do the parables tell us?

1. Treasure was often _____.

Matthew 25:25

[The last man said] "I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you."

2. Treasure was occasionally _____.

Job 3:21

... who search for it more than for hidden treasure.

Question: Is Jesus telling an unethical story?

- Jewish rabbinic law stated if a man finds lost food or money it belongs _____.
- The treasure did not belong to the _____.
- The fact that the man re-buried the treasure and bought the field shows he was being _____.

3. Pearls were _____.

1 Timothy 2:9

I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes,

4. Pearls were _____.

What do the parables teach us?

1. The treasure and the pearl represent the _____ of heaven, something that is _____.

2. The kingdom of heaven (a relationship with God) is something that must be diligently _____.

- It is _____ from view.
- It is _____ before it was _____.
- It cost them _____.

3. The treasure and the pearl represent _____ something that is _____ in value.

Exodus 19:5

You will be My treasured possession though all the earth is Mine.

4. _____ being diligently pursued, costing _____ everything.