

Kingdom Treasure

Salvation: True Kingdom Treasure

Introduction: The emphasis of these two parables is personal appropriation of the kingdom of heaven and the message is of salvation. In this context, the kingdom of heaven represents the saving knowledge of God through trust in His Son and all the benefits and glory that relationship brings. There are six wonderful insights about the kingdom and salvation in these parables.

1. The Kingdom Must be Personally Appropriated

- Both parables center around a single individual who sacrifices all that he has in order to personally obtain that what had become immeasurably valuable to him.
- You must receive Him! *Joh 1:12-13; Rom 10:9-10*

2. The Kingdom is Priceless

- The parables express the **value** of salvation through the idea that it is worth selling all one possesses in order to receive it.
- Peter and Andrew—they left their nets! *Matt 4:18-20*

3. The Kingdom is Not Readily Visible—It is Hidden

- The treasure of the kingdom is NOT obvious to mankind as their minds and hearts are blinded. *2 Cor 4:3-4*
- ***"The kingdom of God does not come with observation nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."*** *Luk 17:20-21*
- However, we are to let the light of the kingdom shine and NOT be hidden! *Matt 5:13-16* ***"You are the light of the world... let your light so shine before men..."***

4. The Kingdom is the Source of True Joy

- Human satisfaction can only be found in God's provision.
- Paul says that, ***"the kingdom of God is...peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."*** *Rom 14:17*
- Jesus spoke the word of the kingdom so that His joy would be in His disciples. *Joh 15:1-11*

5. The Kingdom Is Available to Anyone

- There is NO precondition for turning from sin and turning to Christ in faith. A person does not have to become anything else before he becomes a Christian.
- Non-seekers: In the first parable the man comes upon the treasure completely by accident or God's intervention like Paul on the road to Damascus. *Acts 9:1-19*
- Seekers: In the second parable the man was diligently looking for the very thing he found and bought. Nicodemus! *John 3*

6. The Kingdom is Gained Through Surrender

- In all parables, the physical and earthly is used to illustrate the spiritual and heavenly.
- In these two parables, the economic transaction of buying represents the spiritual transaction of surrender.
- Reconciliation: There is an exchange in salvation. The old is exchanged for the new. *2 Cor 5:17-21*



Matthew 13:44

Hidden Treasure

:44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man **found** and hid; **and for joy** over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.



Matthew 13:45-46

Pearl of Great Price

:45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant **seeking** beautiful pearls,
:46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.