

PARABLE – *“The Treasure & The Pearl”*
Matthew 13:44-46

INTRODUCTION: Jesus gives the secrets of the *“Kingdom of Heaven”* ... Heaven’s rule over the earth.

- The 1st 4 Parables were negative, but now Jesus gives us a positive look at the *“Kingdom of Heaven”*.
- Satan will not stop God’s program.

I. THE HIDDEN TREASURE – 13:44

- The *“man”* is Jesus – 13:37 ... the *“field”* is the world – 13:38.
 - It was a common practice to hide a *“treasure”* in a field.
 - Jesus finds a *“treasure”* that had been *“hidden”* in the *“field”* of the world, buries it again, then gives up all that He has to buy that field.
- The *“treasure”* is Israel – Exodus 19:5, Psalm 135:4
 - Israel had been *“hidden”*, buried in the world, for 400 years.
 - Jesus came and uncovered this *“treasure”*, but they rejected Him as their Messiah.
- *“goes and sells all that he has”* – His death on the cross.
- Jesus *“hides”* the *“treasure”* again – Mt. 21:43, Mt. 23:37-38
- Jesus *“buys that field”* by offering Himself to the whole world.
 - 1 day, Jesus will return and reclaim, *“dig up”* that *“treasure”*.

II. THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE – 13:45-46

- The *“merchant”* is Jesus ... the *“pearl”* is the true Church.
 - The *“pearl”* is formed by a living organism, by a foreign object (sin) that has invaded it, coating this foreign matter.
 - When Jesus died, He wrapped us in His righteousness – Ephesians 5:27.
- God describes our future home – Rev. 21:21 ... Jesus paid the ultimate price – 1 Peter 1:18-19

CONCLUSION:

- Israel had forsaken God, but God hadn’t forsaken them.
- In the meantime, Jesus purchased His *“pearl”* – 1 Peter 2:9
- If you have wandered away from God ... Revelation 3:20
- Your greatest *“treasure”* is a personal relationship with Jesus.