

# The Parables of the Treasure and the Pearl

Matthew 13:44-46

## Some of the worst deals in history ...

Either the losing party a) Didn't know the \_\_\_\_\_ of what was being traded/sold, or  
b) They didn't \_\_\_\_\_.

Sometimes we can't/won't fully realize the value of a thing until enough \_\_\_\_\_ has passed.

### The message:

<sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

A man \_\_\_\_\_ a priceless treasure ...

His reaction is \_\_\_\_\_ celebration.

The critical question is this: What will he do \_\_\_\_\_?

Recognizing he has discovered something worth \_\_\_\_\_ anything he can imagine ever possessing, he responds exactly as you'd think he would. He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

### The meaning:

The discovery of God's grace is – for many – \_\_\_\_\_ and even \_\_\_\_\_.

But we know the message of the Gospel is not: "Look for God. You just might find Him!"; but "the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10)

As it turns out, we are the \_\_\_\_\_ ones who are \_\_\_\_\_ by Him! His \_\_\_\_\_ finds us and offers us the \_\_\_\_\_ of God \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Peter 3:18)

So, recognizing the \_\_\_\_\_ of God – His \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_ – will you then \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Him?

### The message:

<sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

A man makes his trade in \_\_\_\_\_ for things of \_\_\_\_\_ ...

Then the "pearl merchant" discovers \_\_\_\_\_ that far exceeds them all.

His response is predictable: He sells all his other pearls in order to \_\_\_\_\_ this one \_\_\_\_\_ one.

### The meaning:

Many of us are 'merchants' in 'things' we think \_\_\_\_\_; things that we think have "\_\_\_\_\_".

We accumulate them like so many "\_\_\_\_\_" to be collected.

What happens when you discover they don't really have \_\_\_\_\_?

And then what happens when God – by His grace – reveals to you that which is of \_\_\_\_\_?

What will you do?

### Conclusion:

The implications of this parable begin long before we reach \_\_\_\_\_ (or Hell, for that matter).

Every day – in ways perceived and unperceived – we are choosing/deciding/prioritizing according to what we \_\_\_\_\_.

*The "Subjective Theory of Value" ...*

<sup>36</sup> "... what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his soul?" (Mark 8:36-37)

What does my \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ life reveal about what I \_\_\_\_\_?

<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:21)