



SUNDAY CLASS

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Key Verses: Matthew 13: 13:44-52

Matthew 13:44 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and of the Priceless Pearl

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure, buried in a field, that a man found and reburied. Then in his joy he goes and sells everything he has and buys that field.



THE PARABLES OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE AND THE DRAGNET OF FISH

“The interpretation of the parable of the treasure, which makes the buyer of the field to be a sinner who is seeking Christ, has no warrant in the parable itself. The field is defined (v. 38) to be the world. The seeking sinner does not buy, but forsakes, the world to win Christ. Furthermore, the sinner has nothing to sell, nor is Christ for sale, nor is He hidden in a field, nor, having found Christ, does the sinner hide Him again (cf) [Mark 7:24](#); [Acts 4:20](#). At every point the interpretation breaks down.

Our Lord is the buyer at the awful cost of His blood [1 Peter 1:18](#), and Israel, especially Ephraim [Jeremiah 31:5-12,18-20](#), the lost tribes hidden in "the field," the world (v. 38), is the treasure ; [Exodus 19:5](#); [Psalms 135:4](#). Again, as in the separation of tares and wheat, the angels are used ; [Matthew 24:31](#); [Jeremiah 16:16](#). The divine Merchantman buys the field (world) for the sake of the treasure (v. 44) [Romans 11:28](#), beloved for the fathers' sakes, and yet to be restored and saved. The note of joy (v. 44) is also that of the prophets in view of Israel's restoration. ; [Deuteronomy 30:9](#); [Isaiah 49:13](#); [52:1-3](#); [62:4-7](#) [65:18,19](#).

(See "Israel,") [Genesis 11:10](#); [Romans 11:26](#).”

Isaiah 55:1 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

Come to the LORD

1 "Come, everyone who is thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you without money,
come, buy, and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost!

Philippians 3:7-8 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

7 But everything that was a gain to me, I have considered to be a loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I also consider everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of Him I have suffered the loss of all things and consider them filth, so that I may gain Christ

Revelation 3:18 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire so that you may be rich, and white clothes so that you may be dressed and your shameful nakedness not be exposed, and ointment to spread on your eyes so that you may see.

Matthew 13:45 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls.



Illustration of the Parable of the Pearl of Great Price,
by [John Everett Millais](#), from *Parables of our Lord* (1864)

Matthew 13:46 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

46 When he found one priceless pearl, he went and sold everything he had, and bought it.

“The true Church, "one body" formed by the Holy Spirit [1 Corinthians 12:12,13](#). As Israel is the hid treasure, so the Church is the pearl of great cost. Covering the same period of time as the mysteries of the kingdom, is the mystery of the Church ; [Romans 16:25,26](#); [Ephesians 3:3-10](#); [Ephesians 5:32](#). Of the true Church a pearl is a perfect symbol:

(1) A pearl is one, a perfect symbol of unity [1 Corinthians 10:17](#); [12:12,13](#); [Ephesians 4:4-6](#).

(2) a pearl is formed by the accretion, and that not mechanically, but vitally, through a living one, as Christ adds to the Church [Acts 2:41,47](#); [5:14](#); [11:24](#); [Ephesians 2:21](#); [Colossians 2:19](#).

(3) Christ, having given Himself for the pearl, is now preparing it for presentation to Himself [Ephesians 5:25-27](#). The kingdom is not the Church, but the true children of the kingdom during the fulfilment of these mysteries, baptized by one Spirit into one body [1 Corinthians 12:12,13](#) compose the true Church, the pearl.”

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Proverbs 2:4 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

4 if you seek it like silver and search for it like hidden treasure,

Matthew 7:6 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

6 Don't give what is holy to dogs or toss your pearls before pigs, or they will trample them with their feet, turn, and tear you to pieces.

Matthew 13:47 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

The Parable of the Net

47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a large net thrown into the sea. It collected every kind [of fish],

"Here is the explanation of the latter part of the parable, the former is obvious and plain enough: we see gathered in the visible church, some of every kind: but the latter part refers to that which is yet to come, and is therefore more particularly explained, v. 49, 50. So shall it be at the end of the age; then, and not till then, will the dividing, discovering day be. We must not look for the net full of all good fish; the vessels will be so, but in the net they are mixed.

See here, (1.) The distinguishing of the wicked from the righteous. The angels of heaven shall come forth to do that which the angels of the churches could never do; they shall sever the wicked from among the just; and we need not ask how they will distinguish them when they have both their commission and their

instructions from him that knows all men, and particularly knows them that are his, and them that are not, and we may be sure there shall be no mistake or blunder either way.

*(2.) The doom of the wicked when they are thus severed. They shall be cast into the furnace, *****Note, Everlasting misery and sorrow will certainly be the portion of those who live among sanctified ones, but themselves die unsanctified.** This is the same with what we had before, v. 42.*

******Note, Christ himself preached often of hell-torments, as the everlasting punishment of hypocrites; and it is good for us to be often reminded of this awakening, quickening truth.***

***MATTHEW HENRY COMMENTARY ON THE WHOLE BIBLE

“The parable of the Net ((Greek - [daimonivzomai](#) -net) presents another view from that of the wheat and tares of the mysteries of the kingdom as the sphere of profession, but with this difference: there Satan was the active agent; here the admixture is more the result of the tendency of a movement to gather to itself that which is not really of it). The kingdom of heaven is like a net which, cast into the sea of humanity, gathers of every kind, good and bad, and these remain together in the net (v. 49) and not merely in the sea, until the end of the age. It is not even a converted net, much less a converted sea. Infinite violence has been done to sound exegesis by the notion that the world is to be converted in this age. Against that notion stands our Lord's own interpretation of the parables of the Sower, the Wheat and Tares, and the Net.

Such, then, is the mystery form of the kingdom. (See Scofield "[Matthew 3:2](#)"). See Scofield "[Matthew 6:33](#)". It is the sphere of Christian profession during this age. It is a mingled body of true and false, wheat and tares, good and bad. It is defiled by formalism, doubt, and worldliness. But within it Christ sees the true children of the true kingdom who, at the end, are to "shine forth as the sun." In the great field, the world, He sees the redeemed of all ages, but especially His hidden Israel, yet to be restored and blessed, Also, in this form of the kingdom, so unlike that which is to be, He sees the Church, His body and bride, and for joy He sells all that He has [2 Corinthians 8:9](#) and buys the field, the treasure, and the pearl.”

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[Matthew 3:2 \(Holman Christian Standard Bible\)](#)

2 and saying, "Repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near!"

[Matthew 13:44 \(Holman Christian Standard Bible\)](#)

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure, buried in a field, that a man found and reburied. Then in his joy he goes and sells everything he has and buys that field.

[Matthew 22:10 \(Holman Christian Standard Bible\)](#)

10 So those slaves went out on the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding banquet was filled with guests.

[Matthew 13:48 \(Holman Christian Standard Bible\)](#)

48 and when it was full, they dragged it ashore, sat down, and gathered the good [fish] into containers, but threw out the worthless ones.

Matthew 13:49 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out, separate the evil people from the righteous,

Matthew 13:39-40 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

39 the enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. 40 Therefore just as the weeds are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.

Matthew 25:32 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

Matthew 13:50 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

50 and throw them into the blazing furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 8:12 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

12 But the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 13:42 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

42 They will throw them into the blazing furnace ^(Δ) where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 13:51 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

The Storehouse of Truth

51 "Have you understood all these things?" "Yes," they told Him.

Matthew 13:52 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

52 "Therefore," He said to them, "every student of Scripture instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who brings out of his storeroom what is new and what is old."

Matthew 12:35 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

35 A good man produces good things from his storeroom of good, and an evil man produces evil things from his storeroom of evil.

Matthew 28:19 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

THE MYSTERIES

1 COR. 15:51-52
Behold, I show you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 THSS. 4:16-17
For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

EPH. 1:26-32
Moreover, how we were once as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it: That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word; That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So might we to show forth unto a glorious holiness, which he has loved, his self loved himself. For as much ever we loved his church, but ourselves, and ourselves he, even as the Lord the church. For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall he leave his Father and Mother, and shall be joined unto his flesh, and they shall become one. This is a great mystery; but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

REV. 19:7-9
Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

6 MYSTERY TRANSLATION OF THE SAINTS

THE CHURCH CAUGHT OUT

10 MYSTERY THE CHURCH THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY CITY NEW JERUSALEM

11 MYSTERY RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS

THE HOLY CITY AND THE MISTERY OF THEM WHICH ARE SAID TO BE MADE IN THE HEAVEN

THE REVELATION

THE REVELATION

7 MYSTERY ISRAEL'S BLINDNESS

GOOD OLIVE AND WILD OLIVE

8 MYSTERY OF INIQUITY

ANTICHRIST

9 MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT

OLIVE

THE GENTILES

THE GENTILES

THE JEWIS

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