



## THE GREATEST TREASURE

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### Matthew 13: 1-3, 36, 44-46(NIV)

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables. . .

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

<sup>44</sup>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.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”

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### Notes:

Two reasons most commentaries have got it wrong (I humbly suggest)

- i. Romans 6:23 - “but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”  
Romans 3:11 - “There is none that seeketh after God.”
  
- ii. Matthew 13:37-38 - “He answered, ‘The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.  
<sup>38</sup> The field is the world.’”

1. Who is the man walking in the field?

Luke 19:10 - "The Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost."

2. What does the treasure and the pear represent?

Exodus 19:5 - "my treasured possession"

1 Peter 2:9 - you are "God's special possession"

3. What does it mean "he sold everything" to buy the field?

2 Corinthians 8:9 - "though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich."

4. What is the meaning of the man's joy?

Hebrews 12:2 - "For the joy set before Him He endured the cross."

Luke 15:10 - "rejoicing in the presence of the angels over one sinner that repents."

5. Is there a spiritual meaning to "he hid it again"?

6. Take-aways

i. You are a wonderful treasure.

ii. There is more treasure to be found.