

The Treasure of The Kingdom

Week 6 - The Covenant, The King, and The Kingdom (5-26-21)

Matt. 13:44 - "The kingdom of Heaven is like treasure..."

- I. Treasure - A deposit, that is wealth (literally or figuratively).
 - A. The treasure is God's people (whether Israel or The Church).
 - 1. Ex. 19:5 - "...ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people..."
 - 2. Ps. 135:4 - "...and Israel for His peculiar treasure."
 - 3. 1 Peter 2:9-10 - "...ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people..."
 - 4. 2 Cor. 4:3-7 - "...we have this treasure in earthen vessels..."
 - 5. Col. 2:3 - "In Whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."
 - a) Matt. 12:33-37 "...out of the abundance of the heart...good treasure of the heart..."
 - B. God's people are His treasure along with who they have and what they have dwelling within them. - Luke 17:21 "...the Kingdom of God is within you."
- II. Hid - Conceal by covering - hide - to keep secret (in a positive sense).
 - A. The kingdom of heaven was hidden during the Old Testament Dispensation, from the gentiles, The lost, and unsaved, they're blind.
 - B. We are hidden in the sense that we are sent back into the world and are much like the world physically but spiritually we are radically different.
 - 1. John 17:13-18 - Jesus prays for us who are in the world.
 - 2. Eph. 2:1-7 - God rich in mercy saves us and raises us up.
 - C. There were no banks to protect your wealth as we understand today. It was a common practice to bury money, treasure, or other valuables to protect them from thieves, enemies, or corrupt rulers looking to take advantage.
- III. Field - Represents the world as it has in the previous parables.
- IV. A man found - Jesus who gave everything to redeem us.
 - A. John 3:16 - God so loved He gave His only son.
 - B. Acts 20:28 - Purchased us with His own blood.
 - C. 1 Cor. 6:19-20 - We are not our own, we are bought with a price. (Sell all you have - Sacrifice)
 - D. Matt. 19:16-30 - Rich young ruler unwilling to sacrifice his wealth.
 - 1. We must also be willing to give our all even though salvation is a free gift.
 - a) Vs 27 - Peter said we have forsaken all to follow you
 - b) Matt. 16:24 - "...let him deny himself..."
 - 2. What value do you put on the kingdom of heaven?
 - 3. Is there anything standing between you and the king?

- V. Joy - Hebrews 12:2 - "...Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."
 - A. Jesus was far-sighted and could see the eternal results of His temporary suffering. He counted the cost and weighed it against the reward and did it with joy.
 - B. Nehemiah 8:10 - "...for the joy of the LORD is your strength."
 - 1. When we lose our peace, we lose our joy. When we lose our joy we lose our strength. When we lose our strength, we lose the battle. Lose too many battles and you lose the war.
 - C. James 1:2-8 - "...count it all joy when you fall into diverse temptations..."
 - 1. How can we walk in joy when we are going through test, trials, and temptations?
 - D. Galatians 5:22 - Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit who is our comforter (one called along side to help). We can walk through difficult times if we learn to live in the Spirit and walk in the Spirit. We can approach the most trying situations with anticipation and excitement with the joy of the Lord deep in our heart
 - 1. Guard your peace, joy, strength, victory!