



Chapter 13:34-35 & 44-46

Matt. 13:34 All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them,

Matt. 13:35 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

“I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world.”

Matt. 13:44 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Matt. 13:45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls,

Matt. 13:46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

*Note: we skipped verses 36-43 because we covered them when we studied the **Parable of the Wheat & the Weeds.**

Observations & Discussion

1. In the **Parable of the Treasure** what do each of these represent?

The Man

The Field

The Treasure

*You should be able to identify the **Man** & the **Field** from our previous studies on the Parables. However, Jesus doesn't tell us what the **Treasure** is. So, do a word search in your Bible for the word "treasure" to discover what Jesus meant.

2. What do you believe Jesus is teaching us about the Kingdom of God in this Parable?

3. In the **Parable of the Pearl of Great Price** what do each of these represent?

The Merchant

The Pearl

*This parable is tough because Jesus doesn't interpret it for us, nor are there any Scriptures that give us a hint of what the symbols mean. So do your best based on what you've already learned.

4. How are these two parables similar and different?

5. Some believe that the **Man** & the **Merchant** represent individual people like you and me who have trusted in Christ. Does that interpretation make sense—why or why not?