

Matthew: Jesus, The King of Kings

Treasure

Matthew 13:44-58

Para - bles:

- Earthly stories with heavenly meanings

Purpose of parables - given to Jesus' followers to know the mysteries of God.

Speak in parables because unbelievers don't want to see, will not see, and therefore cannot see.

All in light of the judgment to come

"But blessed are you if your eyes see and ears hear"

Revelation 1:3 NKJV - Blessed [is] he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time [is] near.

"One man's trash is another man's _____"

Thrift stores

Vintage markets

Flea markets

Swap meets

Even stock markets. Investing. Trade your worthless paper for a company that increases in value. Or an asset like a house.

Paper money is worthless. Not even on the gold standard. Not really even on the oil standard. We're on the military standard.

The dollar is valuable because we police the world

Treasure couldn't be traded around the world without our navy

It's no wonder China has created their own currency and are building up their own navy...

What is the most valuable thing you own?

Hard to say?

What if the house was on fire, and you could only go in and grab one thing, what would it be?

[Pray]

13:44

Commentary points out that the parables up until now spoke of the “corruption in the Kingdom”

These parables speak of the value in the kingdom

What does God value?

Psalm 50:8-10, 12 NKJV - I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices Or your burnt offerings, [Which are] continually before Me. I will not take a bull from your house, [Nor] goats out of your folds. For every beast of the forest [is] Mine, [And] the cattle on a thousand hills. ... "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world [is] Mine, and all its fullness.

What can you buy for the man who has everything?

Sometimes it's really hard to find a gift for someone who's wealthy.

- We can't afford it.
- They already have it if we can afford it
- There's nothing left they don't have.

God values you and me. People. All people. Individually.

He made us unlike the animals or angels.

- Angels serve God.
- Creation was meant to serve us - and we rule over it.
- We were meant to be in a special **relationship** with God.

**These parables are meant to, in part,
show us how much God values us.**

Do you know you have worth? Intrinsic worth?

- It's not based on your skill or ability
- Not based on your bank account
- Not based on family pedigree
- Just because you are made by God and loved by God

YOU are heaven's currency.

The New Jerusalem is paved with gold, fashioned out of pearls.

It's been said "the most valuable things on earth are merely pavement in heaven"

With the previous parables. The enemy sowing tares.

His goal is to hurt God by hurting you.

He can't hurt God directly. So he hurt us with sin.

Hurt the ones God loved.

And God sent Jesus to die for us.

The enemy thought he won by crucifying Jesus.

But that's how the enemy lost.

Jesus won at the cross.

A man found a treasure in the field, but he couldn't keep the treasure because the treasure existed on someone else's land

He bought the mineral rights!

The rarity of finding something that good.

Ever find a \$20 on the ground?

What about a bar of gold or a diamond?

The Title Deed to Earth

Given to us

Forfeited to the enemy in the garden

God promised to buy us back (redeem)

Similar to Jacob and Esau, the birthright (priceless, can't be bought or sold) for the bowl of stew

When you want to get something that's really important to you, wouldn't you sell whatever it took to get the money together?

I think we miss some of the depth of the value of things by our world of credit and not saving up all the time

Even more so with Jesus.

- Jesus followed God's plan to get us back.
- He went about it all in the legal manner.
- Gave up heaven for a season
- Gave up his life
- All To pay for ours

All to buy us back!

What He made was STOLEN from Him, yet he still pays the price to buy us back.

:45-46

This guy's job is to find beautiful, valuable, desirable things and sell them

Bring treasures from the far corners of the globe.

Again, our society has lost some of that with the 2-day prime amazon chinese junk

The kids and I watch YouTubers who search out:

- Old junk cars and fix them up
- "Vintage" (1980s - 90s) video games, pop culture, toys
- The value on these things that were worthless then

The power of nostalgia and rarity.

Rare = valuable.

You and I are rare.

- Nobody else like you.
- Twins fingerprints
- Us over the animals
- Even all of humanity. Nobody else in the universe. I guarantee it.

This guy sells everything he had, too.

Probably his house.

Probably his car.

Probably his other pearls.

Jesus is God's son. How much do you think God values His son?

Again, I think society has lost that too...we say we value our kids, but do we really? We send them off to the government to raise them. We put them in front of the TV to occupy them. We don't invest in their hearts and minds. We don't spend just simple time with them.

Value your children. (if you don't have children, the people you love) They're rare. The time you have with them is short.

God says this...

John 3:16-17 NKJV - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

- Faberge egg
- Hope diamond
- Original pair of Michael Jordan shoes

I think the guy would give up his whole business just to possess the greatest treasure.

What's the point in buying and selling the lesser ones once he has the greatest one?

***Side note:** Yes, God cares about the animals. But the value of you and an animal is not even close. God commanded animals to not just be eaten, but be sacrificed for our sins to point the way to Jesus and to act as a temporary covering - clothing for the body and blood sacrifice for our souls.*

So does God care about saving the whales? Or does he care about saving people?

When you stand before God on judgment day, do you think he's really going to care if you saved all the whales but didn't bring one person to heaven with you?

...The whales and the ocean they lived in will all be burned up.

:47-52

Dragnet (not the old show)

Throw this net over the back, let the boat go its course. Pick up the fish

"Dolphin safe tuna"

Some of every kind.

God's net doesn't discriminate.

All types of people are caught by Jesus in the kingdom.

Every trib

But only people. Sorry, all dogs don't go to heaven.

Revelation 7:9-10 NKJV - After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation [belongs] to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

When it was full.

There will come a day when God's net is full, and the time of fishing is over.

Luke 21:24b And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

God wants everyone to be saved.

But not everyone will want it.

Everyone thinks they have all the time in the world.

But everyone's time is limited.

Even time itself is limited.

Put the good in vessels, threw the bad away

Sorting Lego colors, shapes, throwing fake away

Again, like the wheat and tares.

The time we're living in won't go on forever.

Eventually there will be harvest.

**Eventually there will be a separating of things of value
with things of no value**

So it will be at the end of the age.

Do you want to know what the end of time looks like?

This is it. Jesus is telling us exactly what it'll look like.

Believers put into new vessels (tents to mansions).

Unbelievers cast into the fire.

Gehenna, name for hell but in part because it was the place where trash was burned

Military burning trash during the GWOT

What will it sound like at the eternal dump? Eternal fire pit?

Wailing and grinding of teeth

What will it sound like behind heaven's gates?

A wedding feast. Glasses clinking. Laughing. Singing. Dancing. Rejoicing.

Do you understand? Yes, Lord.

Ha do you think they did? Many times children will say Yes when they really don't know!

Treasures new and old

Something old, something new, something blue?

Things from the old testament, things from the new

Examples of God at work from thousands of years ago

Examples of God at work from today

ii. The main idea is that the disciples — who had just claimed to understand what Jesus taught — are now responsible to bring forth their understanding to others, as if they were distributing from the storehouse of their wisdom and understanding. This storehouse contains things new and old.

Do you have to be an expert?

No. But do you know something about God, His kingdom, and the gospel?

Then you're responsible to share what you know.

Share it with soberness of the judgment.

Share it with joy of the feast.

:53-58

Finished the parables...departs

That's it. That was his ministry there. He didn't fully explain things to the crowds.

The crowds might have even left confused.

But that was on them.

Goes home. Teaches in the synagogues.

What town did you get saved in?

What was it like going back?

How were you received?

Where did he get this wisdom and mighty works?

He certainly didn't learn them in our town. From his family.

dynamis - strength, power, ability for miracles

(similar to what's spoken of about the Holy Spirit enabling us for works)

The things Jesus did were atypical. Not normal.

A typical Sabbath's teaching was nothing like what Jesus shared.

Prophet without honor

You'd think the one speaking forth the things of God would be honored

The Bible even commands a double honor (1 Tim 5:17)

But the Son of God offended people - by the good he said and did

Skandalizo again...make indignant, stumbling block, cause to fall away (like the seed on rocky ground)

Offended perhaps because they never heard from God in all their piety and religion

Religion - man's attempt to reach God

Relationship - God's reaching down to man

Not without honor except in his house and hometown

That hometown, did they believe you?

Your family? Did they say you were nuts?

The same with Jesus...before the resurrection

So...Jesus grants them according to their lack of belief. He doesn't do anything there.

Why don't we see God work? Why doesn't he work in our midst?

Perhaps it's simply unbelief.

**Mark 9:24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears,
"Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"**

Romans 12:3c ...God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Do we want to see God work? Do we want to see our family be saved?
Do we want to see our city repent?
Do we want to see our nation healed?
Do we want to see the church healthy?

**Maybe for us believers, it's not lack of faith, but lack of using it...
Remember, all it takes is faith the size of a mustard seed...**