

THREE PARABLES MATT 44-52 9/5/18

V44-46 THE FOCUS OF THE FIRST TWO PARABLES IS THE VALUE OF WHAT WAS FOUND JESUS IS PORTRAYING THE VALUE OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN THE PRICE THEY PAID WAS WORTH THE KINGDOM THEY RECEIVED

WHEN YOU FIND THE TREASURE OF THE KINGDOM FROM JOY OVER IT YOU ARE WILLING TO GIVE UP WHATEVER IT TAKES TO OBTAIN IT YOU ARE WILLING TO GIVE UP YOUR LIFE MATT 16:26

WHAT WILL A MAN GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS SOUL HOW VALUABLE IS YOUR REDEMPTION TO YOU ARE YOU WILLING REPENT OF YOUR SIN TO FOLLOW CHRIST THE REWARD IS WORTH THE PRICE

THE TREASURE WAS HIDDEN FROM VIEW THE KINGDOM CANNOT BE SEEN WITH PHYSICAL EYES IT IS A SPIRITUAL KINGDOM YET ITS VALUE SURPASSES PHYSICAL TREASURES THAT ARE ONLY TEMPORARY

JESUS SAYS AGAIN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A MERCHANT SEEKING FINE PEARLS AND UPON FINDING ONE OF GREAT VALUE HE WENT OUT AND SOLD ALL THAT HE HAD AND BOUGHT IT

EVERY HUMAN BEING IS SEARCHING FOR FULFILLMENT AND BEFORE GOD BREAKS IN AND REVEALS HIMSELF WE SIMPLY DO NOT KNOW WHAT WE ARE SEARCHING FOR MOST PEOPLE SEARCH IN THE WRONG PLACES THROUGH DECEITFUL WORLDLY MEANS WEALTH PLEASURE POWER AND FAME

WHEN BY GOD'S GRACIOUS GUIDANCE WE FIND THE KINGDOM WE REALIZE THAT IT IS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR ALL ALONG

THE PEARL MERCHANT RECOGNIZED INSTANTLY THE VALUE OF THE ONE PEARL BECAUSE HE HAD MEASURED THE VALUE OF MANY LESSER PEARLS THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE AND HE WENT AND SOLD EVERYTHING HE OWNED TO POSSESS THE PEARL

V47-50 THE PARABLE OF THE NET TEACHES THE SAME LESSON AS THE PARABLE OF THE TARES THE RIGHTEOUS MUST ENDURE SOME PERIOD OF COEXISTENCE WITH EVIL UNTIL GOD'S FINAL JUDGMENT BRINGS JUSTICE AND REWARD

THE DISCORDING AND BURNING OF THE EVIL AND THE TREASURING AND PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS WILL BE DONE BY THE ANGELS IN THE FINAL JUDGMENT THEY WILL THROW THE EVIL INTO THE FURNACE OF FIRE IN A PLACE WHERE THERE WILL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH MATT 13:42 A DESCRIPTION OF HELL

V51-52 THE NEW TESTAMENT KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NOT A REPLACEMENT OF THE OLD TESTAMENT IT IS THE FULFILLMENT OF IT

JESUS ASK HIS DISCIPLES HAVE YOU UNDERSTOOD ALL THESE THINGS THEY TELL HIM YES WHAT HE IS ASKING IS WILL YOU TRULY GIVE UP YOUR LIFE FOR MY KINGDOM FOR ME WILL YOU ENDURE EVIL AND HOLD ONTO THE HOPE OF FINAL JUSTICE

THEY ARE TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE PARABLES JESUS TAUGHT THEM AND PLACE THEIR FAITH IN THE KING AND HIS TEACHING

THEN JESUS LEAVES THEM WITH ANOTHER THOUGHT HE SAYS THAT EVERY SCRIBE WHO IS A DISCIPLE HAS A RICH KNOWLEDGE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT AND AT THE SAME TIME AS A DISCIPLE OF THE KINGDOM THAT JESUS PROCLAIMED HE WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THE NEW COVENANT INAUGURATED BY JESUS THE KING

THE KINGDOM SERVANT THE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLE IS TO BE CONTINUALLY OPENING UP THE TREASURES OF BOTH THE OLD AND NEW COVENANT PRAISING GOD FOR SO GREAT A SALVATION JESUS BEING THE FULFILLMENT OF THE OLD AND THE NEW COVENANT