



THE PARABLES

A 12-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Week 4 – The Value of the Kingdom (Sunday, May 31, 2026) *What Is the Kingdom Worth to You?*

Introductory Remarks

In the Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl of Great Price, Jesus teaches that the Kingdom of God is worth more than anything this world can offer. Both men in these stories willingly gave up everything they possessed because they recognized the incomparable value of what they had found. These parables challenge us to examine what we treasure most and whether we truly value a relationship with God above comfort, possessions, status, or personal ambition. Following Jesus involves sacrifice, but it is never a loss when compared to the eternal riches found in Him. The Kingdom is not something to casually admire from a distance. It is worth pursuing with wholehearted devotion. When we fully understand the value of God’s Kingdom, surrender becomes a joyful response rather than a painful burden.

Lesson Outline

- Hidden Treasure (Matthew 13:44)
- Pearl of Great Price (Matthew 13:45–46)

Key idea: God’s Kingdom is worthy of everything, including the full use of our time, talents, treasures, and resources.

1. Read the following passages and comment on the role of priorities in each.
 - a. Matthew 13:44-46
 - b. Matthew 6:25-34
2. Why do you think the men in the *Hidden Treasure* and *Pearl of Great Price* parables were willing to give up everything for the treasure and pearl?
3. What does this lesson teach us about the true value of God’s Kingdom compared to worldly success?
4. What are some things people today pursue as though they are ultimate treasures?
5. Why is sacrifice easier when we deeply value what we are gaining?
6. If someone examined your priorities, time, and finances, what would they conclude you value most?





Matthew 13:44-46

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

⁴⁴ “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.

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

Matthew 6:25-34

Do Not Worry

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^[a]?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

