

Matthew 13:44

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Analysis

The parable 'The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field' teaches the kingdom's surpassing value. The finder sells everything to buy the field containing the treasure, showing total commitment. The phrase 'for joy' demonstrates that kingdom commitment isn't grim duty but joyful privilege. The kingdom is worth any sacrifice.

Historical Context

In the ancient world, hiding treasure in fields was common due to lack of banks and frequent warfare. Accidental discovery while plowing or digging was plausible. The man's total liquidation of assets to secure the treasure parallels giving up all for Christ (Philippians 3:7-8).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What treasures compete with the kingdom for your supreme affection?
2. How does joy motivate your sacrifice for Christ?

Interlinear Text

Πάλιν	Ὅμοία	ἐστὶν	ἡ	βασιλεία	τῶν	οὐρανῶν		
Again	like	is	G3588	the kingdom	G3588	of heaven		
G3825	G3664	G2076		G932		G3772		
θησαυρῶ	ἐκρυπεν	ἐν	τῷ	ἀγρὸν	ὃν	εὐρῶν		
unto treasure	he hideth	in	G3588	a field	the which	hath found		
G2344	G2928	G1722		G68	G3739	G2147		
ἄνθρωπος	ἐκρυπεν	καὶ	ἀπὸ	τῆς	χαρᾶς	αὐτοῦ	ὑπάγει	
when a man	he hideth	and	for	G3588	joy	thereof	goeth	
G444	G2928	G2532	G575		G5479	G846	G5217	
καὶ	πάντα	ὅσα	ἔχει	πωλεῖ	καὶ	ἀγοράζει	τὸν	ἀγρὸν
and	all	that	he hath	selleth	and	buyeth	G3588	a field
G2532	G3956	G3745	G2192	G4453	G2532	G59		G68
ἐκεῖνον								
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Additional Cross-References

Colossians 2:3 (Parallel theme): In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Luke 14:33 (Parallel theme): So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Matthew 6:21 (Parallel theme): For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Proverbs 16:16 (Parallel theme): How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

Matthew 19:29 (Parallel theme): And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Proverbs 23:23 (Parallel theme): Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

Revelation 3:18 (Parallel theme): I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Matthew 19:27 (Parallel theme): Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

Isaiah 55:1 (Parallel theme): Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Matthew 19:21 (Parallel theme): Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.