

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 ὡμοία ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν
Again like is the kingdom of heaven
G3825 G3664 G2076 G3588 G932 G3588 G3772

θησαυρῷ ἔκρυψεν ἐν τῷ ἀγρὸν δὸν εὑρὼν
unto treasure he hideth in a field the which hath found
G2344 G2928 G1722 G3588 G68 G3739 G2147

ἄνθρωπος ἔκρυψεν καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς χαρᾶς αὐτοῦ ὑπάγει
when a man he hideth and for joy thereof goeth
G444 G2928 G2532 G575 G3588 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
that
G1565

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.