

# The Worth of the Kingdom

## *The Hidden Treasure, the Pearl, the Coin*

### Introduction

1. Every day we are forced to make decisions based on what we think is most valuable.
2. Yet, as we move from day to day, we often fail to consider the most valuable thing known to man.
3. In some of His parables, Jesus taught His disciples about the immense value of the kingdom of God.

### Discussion

#### I. The Hidden Treasure: Matthew 13:44

- A. The man was not looking, but he found the treasure.
- B. The treasure was worth more than everything the man had.
  1. No sacrifice was too great for him to attain that treasure.
  2. As an investment, he knew that his return would far outweigh the cost of the field.

#### II. The Pearl of Great Price: Matthew 13:45-46

- A. This man was looking for something specific.
  1. He was looking for something of singular value and number.
  2. Finding a natural pear that was large and of perfect shape and color was rare in deed.
- B. The pearl was worth more than everything he had.
- C. The Kingdom is such a treasure.
  1. It is worth the effort to seek it out.
  2. It is worth the sacrifice necessary to attain it.

#### III. The Lost Coin: Luke 15:8-10

- A. Every kingdom is made up of its citizens.
- B. In this parable, the value is placed on one coin or one soul in the kingdom (vs. 10).
  1. In another place, Jesus teaches that one soul has more worth than the whole world (Matt. 16:26).
  2. The kingdom consists of many such souls.
  3. The purchase price of which is the blood of Christ (Acts 20:28).

#### IV. Recognizing the Worth of the Kingdom Today

- A. The worth of the Kingdom
  1. The worth of the Kingdom is seen in the collective value of all of its coins.
  2. Each soul is of great value; worthy of diligent searching—worth Christ's sacrifice.
  3. God searches diligently in order to find you and to add you to His treasure.
  4. Seeing the value God places in His kingdom ought to cause us to consider the value it holds in our lives.

- B. Those who enter the kingdom will recognize its worth.
  - 1. Some people aren't really seeking God, but when the kingdom is presented to them they recognize its value.
  - 2. Some people are diligently seeking God, so that when they find the kingdom their efforts are rewarded.
  - 3. Either way, those who find the kingdom understand that its worth is greater than anything else in this life.
  - 4. Therefore, they willingly give up all to attain that treasure.
  - 5. What about you?

## V. Adjusting Our Values.

- A. Matt. 6:33-34: Seek first the kingdom
  - 1. The value we place in the kingdom is not determined by our words, nor it is determined by our level of church attendance.
  - 2. It is determined by every-day decisions (vs. 24).
  - 3. It is determined by our focus in every-day life (vs. 31-33); by what we seek first.
- B. Matt. 6:19-21: Lay up treasure in heaven
  - 1. The value of a thing is manifest by the amount of energy we expend on it.
  - 2. We invest in many things in life:
    - a. Pleasure: requires much time and money.
    - b. Homes: time, money, energy
    - c. Retirement
    - d. The most valuable of these takes preeminence. The others are sacrificed so that the one can excel.
  - 3. What is your investment in heaven?
    - a. Work to help others: Eph. 4:28
    - b. Rich in good works: 1 Tim. 6:17-19
    - c. The treasure of wisdom and knowledge: Col. 2:1-2.
    - d. The riches of God's forgiveness: Rom. 2:4.
  - 4. Like any investment, if we delay we will miss out.

## Conclusion

- 1. We must consider the value of the kingdom.
- 2. No doubt, you are seeking some sort of treasure.
- 3. In your searching do not despise the riches of God's goodness, according to which He waits so that we may turn our hearts to Him (Rom. 2:4).
- 4. Does the kingdom have value in your life?

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