

“God’s Priceless Treasure”

Matthew 13:44-52

INTRO: *The four facets of a diamond: cut, clarity, carat, color*

- I. **GOD’S TREASURE, FACET #1: A Hidden Treasure**
 - A. This hidden treasure is Jesus (v. 44)
 - B. There is a dire need for this treasure today (Mtt. 6:19-21)
 - C. Jesus offers the treasures of forgiveness & the way to God
 - D. This treasure is hidden from sinful man, but intended for all (v. 44; I Cor. 2:14; Jn. 3:16)

- II. **GOD’S TREASURE, FACET #2: A Priceless Treasure**
 - A. Jesus is called *The Pearl of Great Price* (vv.45-46)
 - B. His worth is seen in His work (II Cor. 8:9)
 - C. No earthly treasure can compare (Philp. 3:7)

- III. **GOD’S TREASURE, FACET #3: A Searching Treasure**
 - A. The treasure seeks us! (v. 47)
 - B. It is a *dragnet*, fishing for us (v.47)
 - C. God’s “*gone fishin’*” for us (Gen. 3:9; Lk. 15:20; 19:5)
 - D. The reason the Church exists: *to go fishin’!*
 - E. The *catch* is accounted for on Judgment Day (vv. 47-50)

CONCL: “*God sold the cattle!*”