



SERMON OUTLINE FOR JULY 27, 2014

“A Treasure Hunt”

Matthew 13:44-52

INTRODUCTION: *Ready to come with me on a treasure hunt?*

- 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 (Matthew 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; 1 Corinthians 2:14; John 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 (2 Corinthians 8:9)
 - C. No earthly treasure can compare (Philip 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 (Genesis 3:9; Luke 15:20; 19:5)
 - D. The reason the Church exists: *to go fishin’!*
 - E. The *catch* is accounted for on Judgement Day (vv. 47-50)

CONCLUSION: In 1924 ‘*God sold the cattle!*’ & saved the Baptist Dallas Theological Seminary