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SERMON OUTLINE -- JULY 30, 2023

“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 (Philippians 3:7)

III. GOD’S TREASURE, FACET #3: **A SEARCHING TREASURE**

- A. The treasure seeks us! (v. 47)
- B. It is a *dagnet*, 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*