

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like Treasure

Matthew 13:44-58

3 Principles and 3 Questions

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I. You will give up everything for something you really treasure (44-46)

II. You find it in different ways (44-46)

III. True treasure is veiled in this life (44-46)

Matthew 16:24-27

J.C. Ryle:

We see in these two parables the real clue to the conduct of many unconverted people. They are what they are in religion because they are not fully persuaded that it is worthwhile to be different. They flinch from decision; they shrink from taking up the cross; they hesitate between two opinions; they will not commit themselves. They will not come forward

boldly on the Lord's side. And why? Because they have not faith. They are not sure that "the treasure" is there; they are not satisfied that "the pearl" is worth so much. They cannot yet make up their minds to "sell everything" so that they may win Christ. And so, too often, they perish forever! When people will venture nothing for Christ's sake, we must draw the sorrowful conclusion that they have not got the grace of God.

3 Questions:

I. What about all the fakes? (47-50)

Judgment - Romans 14:10-12

II. What about the old treasure? (51-52)

III. How do I miss it? (53-58)

A. We cease to treasure that which becomes familiar.

B. The tragedy of unbelief (58, 51)

