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Unit II: Jesus Envisions the Kingdom
Subject: Searching for Buried Treasure
Text: Matthew 13: 44-52

Key Verse:

Then said he unto them, **Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the Kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old** (Matthew 13: 52, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) The Kingdom Shall Be Like (Matthew 13: 44-48)
- 2) The Kingdom Shall Be (Matthew 13: 49-52)

Introduction

Do you recall how it felt to lose or misplace something that is valuable to you, how you would search for that valuable item over all the house, even going back to the last place that you remember having your valuable item. You would not rest until you have found it, asking your friends or family members to search with you, and when you have found your valuable item you and those who searched with you rejoice. Well the Kingdom of GOD is the most valuable and precious treasure we have, and we should pursue a life with JESUS CHRIST with the same kind of passion, as you would for your most valuable possession.

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Lesson Pointer # 1

- **The Kingdom Shall Be Like (Matthew 13: 44-48)**

The verse begins with the word “Again” meaning another time: once more: anew. JESUS CHRIST had spoken on the Kingdom in parables in general before to HIS disciples, but on this occasion, JESUS CHRIST spoken in parables of the exceeding value of the Kingdom to HIS disciples; JESUS CHRIST compared the Kingdom of heaven to treasure hidden in a field (Matthew 13: 44). Again (anew) JESUS CHRIST spoke of a parable of the merchant who searched for a rare, and precious pearl (Matthew 13: 45). Now, when the merchant had found the rare and precious pearl, went and sold all he had, and bought it (Matthew 13: 46). Again (once more) JESUS CHRIST spoke a parable of the Net unto HIS disciples. Saying that the kingdom was compared to a large dragnet that was thrown into the sea by the fisherman who is JESUS CHRIST, to gather a great catch (Matthew 13: 47). Once the net is full, the fisherman who is JESUS CHRIST would pull the net to shore, to empty and separate the good fish from the bad fish (Matthew 13: 48). Now, it is important to know that all are gather together whether we are good or bad into the NET, because not all will receive the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST, although all have heard the Gospel. It is not our responsibility to sort out them, but it is the sold responsibility of JESUS CHRIST and

HIS along to sort out the good from the bad, because JESUS CHRIST knows who HIS people are (Read 2 Timothy 2: 19).

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- **The Kingdom Shall Be (Matthew 13: 49-52)**

JESUS CHRIST now speaks of the final judgment of GOD'S, that so shall it be at the end of the world: JESUS will send HIS angels forth, and they shall sort the wicked from among the just (Matthew 13: 49). And the Angels shall cast the wicked into the furnace of fire (fire and brimstone, hell); where there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 13: 50). JESUS CHRIST asked HIS disciple whether they had understood all these things that HE (JESUS CHRIST) had spoken unto them? The disciples response to JESUS CHRIST was, Yes, LORD (Matthew 13: 51). JESUS CHRIST said unto HIS disciples, that every teacher of the Law (the OLD Covenant) who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasure and old treasure as well (Matthew 13: 52). So, our old treasure represents the essential rules for our living by faith in JESUS CHRIST, and the new treasure represents the spiritual Kingdom that JESUS CHRIST would bring to all who believes in HIM (JESUS CHRIST), a treasure for all to search, find, and to behold.

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