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**Lesson # 9 July 25, 2023 – July 30, 2023**

**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).

**Key Terms:**

**Righteous - correct, righteous, by implication innocent**

**Treasure - a storehouse for precious things**

**Wicked - toilsome; bad; evil; malicious**

**Introduction:**

What do we value? Material items, cell phones, eyeglasses, your wallets. If these things are lost, we spend and waste valuable time looking for them. We'll go back if we have to and try to find them, valuable time wasted on something that will not last. There should be a pursuit of the after life with Jesus Christ with the same passion.

**The Biblical Context:**

Jesus used many parables, not for entertainment but as a tool to communicate the eternal truths about the Kingdom of God. Blessings are missed because we look for them in the way we want them to be, (bright, shiny, thrilling). God uses ordinary objects, (dull) not extravagant, that's not what God is about, a showoff. His greatest gift is Himself. (John 3:16).

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

Jesus used repetitions to reinforce the essential facts and spiritual truths. God did not repeat Himself, but used different analogies with the same context. Jesus parables emphasize the value of the Kingdom.

Comparisons - treasures, what we find, Pearls - wanting more, Fish keeping what's good and getting rid of the bad, (Keeping and casting away). On earth there's good and bad, we're together but not all of us are responsive to God. We will be sorted out because God knows HIS people.

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

**God's judgement will come. It will be at the end of the world, this is a guarantee it will not be irreversible, (punishment, prolonged suffering, rage, and anger). Separation, the good from the bad, the wicked from the just, will regret what they have done to displease God, and some will remain unrepentant about their rejection of the love and grace of God! Our (40) forty-day prayer remove the wickedness from the wicked (see Romans 1:29-32). That the just be lifted up (see Romans 1:17). That God Himself may be glorified, (John 5:23). The old covenant, as a storehouse with old and new treasures. The old essential rules for living and obeying, like back in the days of grandmother and grandfather, the ones that truly repented, worshiped, and trusted God. The new treasure, the Spiritual Kingdom, (the prize) that Jesus will bring, we'll search, we'll find, and we'll behold!**

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