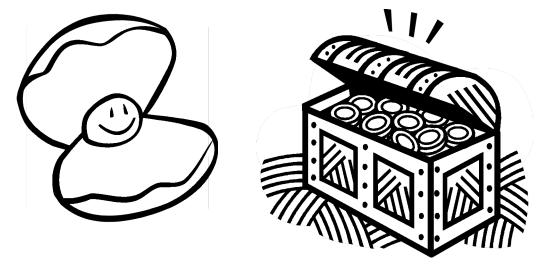
Hidden Treasure and Priceless Pearl

Matthew 13





The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field.

Matthew 13:44a

Hidden Treasure and Priceless Pearl

What is the kingdom of God? Jesus told two stories to help us understand this world we cannot see.

"A man found treasure buried in a field. It was hidden under the ground, but very valuable. He hid it again.

The man wanted that unseen treasure but the field cost a lot of money. Did he forget about it? No way.

He went home and sold his house, his furniture, and his silver trays. He sold everything.

With joy, he took that money and bought the field. He really bought it for the buried treasure. The kingdom of God is that hidden gold. We can't see it, but it is priceless.

The kingdom of God is also like an unseen pearl. The jewel is hidden inside an oyster under the water. We can't see the pearl, but it is priceless.

A man found that oyster and knew something special was hidden inside. He sold everything he had to buy that one pearl of great price."

We can't see God's kingdom, but it is priceless. Would you give up everything to have God's kingdom inside your heart?

Questions

- 1. How are the treasure and the pearl like the kingdom of God?
- 2. Why did the men in the story happily give up everything to get something they couldn't even see?
- 3. The Bible tells us that the unseen is what lasts forever. How is Jesus the truly priceless treasure?
- 4. What would you give up, in order to follow Jesus into his unseen kingdom?

Pray this Prayer:

Dear Jesus,

YOU are the unseen treasure. YOU are the priceless pearl. I want to be a part of your joyful kingdom.

Amen

Put an x over what you might lose to keep what you can never lose. Put a circle around what may be (or may not be) unseen but lasts forever.

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