

BUYING THE FIELD UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM SERIES

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Matthew 13:44-46 “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

I. TWO INTERPRETATIONS OF THESE TWO PARABLES

A. THE FIRST: THE TREASURE AND THE PEARL ARE THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD THAT JESUS DIED FOR

B. YOU ARE THE TREASURE, THE FIELD IS THE WORLD AND JESUS IS THE ONE WHO IN JOY “SELLS” EVERYTHING BY GIVING HIS LIFE FOR YOU.

C. THE BIG MESSAGE: JESUS DIED FOR YOU BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU AND YOU ARE INFINITELY VALUABLE

1. You are made in the image and likeness of God. Jesus died for you to rescue you from the bondage of sin
2. That is why I am so adamantly opposed to abortion. Because every human being has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness including an unborn life.
3. This interpretation is popular among preachers but not among the serious evangelical scholars. Like George Ladd, Gundry, Fenton. Let’s look at the scholarship of Dr. Craig Keener of Asbury Seminary and Dr. Donald Hagner, my former professor at Fuller.

II. THE SECOND INTERPRETATION: THE KINGDOM IS THE TREASURE AND THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE



A. “THE SOLE POINT BEING MADE IS THAT THE KINGDOM IS WORTH EVERYTHING” Dr. Donald Hagner

1. Dr. Craig Keener, “The Kingdom will cost its true followers everything.”

2. The Kingdom means God’s rule and reign. It is heaven on earth.

3. Blessings of the Kingdom: salvation, healing, deliverance, wholeness, sanctification

4. Above all, you come into a relationship of oneness with your Creator that transcends all relationships. It is truly heaven on earth.

5. John 17:3 “This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

6. Romans 14:17 “...for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

B. “THE KINGDOM IS LIKE A SMALL PEARL, BUT ONE OF INCALCULABLE VALUE THAT, ONCE DISCOVERED CALLS FOR UNRESTRAINED RESPONSE IN THE FORM OF ABSOLUTE DISCIPLESHIP” Dr. Donald Hagner

1. Keener, “The Kingdom is the treasure, and those who really believe it will sacrifice everything else in their lives for the Kingdom’s agenda.”

2. When a person has a revelation of the good news of the Kingdom, he/she will be willing to give everything to have the kingdom.

3. The key word is “joy”, “and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

4. This parable is not about buying your way to heaven; by grace we are saved through faith.

5. You receive the revelation and the grace to surrender everything over to God.



6. The most valuable thing that you have to offer is not your money, but your soul. Matthew 16:26 “What profits a man if he gains the whole world but loses his soul?” Your soul is your mind, emotion, and will. You offer your mind that your thoughts would be one with Christ. You offer your emotions to feel what He feels and place your emotions under the Lordship of Jesus. You surrender your will to do His will. So, it is not what I think, how I feel, and what I want, but what does He think, what does He feel, and what does He want?

7. At the center of the Kingdom is God’s presence. David’s love for God’s presence and his willingness to give an extravagant sacrifice for the Ark of the Covenant to come to Jerusalem

8. When you have the Kingdom presence you have heaven on earth. You have God’s blessing in the full sense of that word.

9. 2 Samuel 6:12-13 “Now it was told King David, saying, ‘The Lord has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, on account of the ark of God.’ David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness. And so it was, that when the bearers of the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.

III. BUYING THE FIELD

A. THE PRINCIPLE OF PURCHASING LAND TO GET THE TREASURE

1. We see how the man went and sold all he had and bought the field in order to possess the treasure. The field is not the Kingdom, the treasure is, but he has to buy the field. In the same way, this property, the land and the Ambassador Building is not the Kingdom. It is just a building, albeit a beautiful building. But, it is still a building. Because we own this building, we were able to host the Holy Spirit every time we gather. We also had a July outreach and you brought your friends and relatives and we saw over 200 people come to Christ in one day. The presence of God and people opening their hearts to Jesus and allowing the King to rule and reign over our hearts is what the Kingdom is all about.



2. There is another example of how King David bought a field, and that was the land that Solomon built his Temple on, and when he dedicated the building, the Glory fell in the Temple. 2 Chronicles 5

3. 2 Samuel 24:24-25 “However, the king said to Araunah, ‘No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God which cost me nothing.’ So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. David built there an altar to the Lord and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. Thus the Lord was moved by prayer for the land, and the plague was held back from Israel.”

4. 2 Chronicles 3:1 “So Solomon began to build the Temple of the Lord in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the Lord had appeared to David, his father. The Temple was built on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite, the site that David had selected.”

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C. THREE CLOSING PASSAGES

1. Matthew 6:33 “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

2. Matthew 6:21 “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Heart follows the treasure.” E.g. Stock market

3. 2 Corinthians 9:7 “Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

