



**Matthew 13:44 (NIV)** “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”

In the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 13, Jesus uses parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He says that the Kingdom of Heaven starts small like a tiny mustard seed and grows great and strong.

Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is precious and valuable.

He says that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a precious pearl.

A beautiful pearl is formed inside of an oyster’s shell. The oyster grows the pearl layer by layer. When someone discovers that precious pearl, they will sell other things to keep that pearl.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a pearl, so precious that when we discover it, we give up other things to stay close to God.

And in Matthew Chapter 13, Verse 44, Jesus tells this parable:

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”

(A two-sentence parable!)

The Kingdom of Heaven is a valuable treasure. So valuable that once we’ve found it, we work to own it. It is

a special joy to be part of God’s Kingdom. Jesus teaches us how to find and keep this treasure.

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