

Matthew 13:31-46
The Hidden Treasure
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What do I really treasure?

What do I say I treasure more than anything else in my life? What does my life (lifestyle) show I treasure?

The Kingdom of Heaven is _____ it!

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” **Matthew 13:45-46**

So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”¹⁸ He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’¹⁹ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”²⁰ The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?”²¹ Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”²² But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. **Matthew 19:17-22**

Lord you are more precious than silver, Lord you are more costly than gold, Lord you are more beautiful than diamonds and nothing I desire compares to you.

~lyric by Jason Wright

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. **Matthew 24:35**

No matter what we face in this world, the Kingdom of Heaven is worth it. Not only is the Kingdom of Heaven worth it, but it allows us to face each day.

The Kingdom of Heaven has _____ like nothing else.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” **Matthew 13:44**

Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength. **Nehemiah 8:10b**

The Believer knows what He has and it holds more value than anything else.

The Kingdom of Heaven is a _____ not a sprint.

“Another parable He spoke to them: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened.’” **Matthew 13:33**

Takes yeast (leaven) and mixes it into the dough.

In the Parable of the Leaven, we learn several things about the working of the Kingdom in our present age. Each of these lessons stems from the nature of yeast.

First, the Kingdom of God may have small beginnings, but it will increase. Yeast is microscopic in size, and only a little is kneaded into the dough. Yet, given time, the yeast will spread through

all the dough. In the same way, Jesus' domain started with twelve men in an obscure corner of Galilee, but it has spread throughout the world. The gospel makes progress!

Second, the Kingdom of God exerts its influence from within, not from without. Yeast makes dough rise from within. God first changes the heart of a person, and that internal change has external manifestations. The gospel influence in a culture works the same way: Christians within a culture act as agents of change, slowly transforming that culture from within.

Third, the effect of the Kingdom of God will be comprehensive. Just as yeast works until the dough has completely risen, the ultimate benefit of the Kingdom of God will be worldwide (Psalm 72:19; Daniel 2:35). "The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea" (Habakkuk 2:14).

Fourth, although the Kingdom of God works invisibly, its effect is evident to all. Yeast does its job slowly, secretly and silently, but no one can deny its effect on bread. The same is true of the work of grace in our hearts.¹

Justification

Sanctification

Glorification

The Kingdom of Heaven comes by _____ as small as a mustard seed.

"Another parable He set forth to them, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.'" **Matthew 13:31-32**

*Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"*²⁰ *So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."*²¹ *However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.* **Matthew 17:19-21**

"Lord, I believe, help my unbelief."

Mark 9:24

Prayer Focus:

- **May I realize just what I have in Jesus and the finished work of Christ.**
- **May I value, with my words and my life, Jesus above all.**
- **May I pass the value I have in Jesus to others!**

¹ <https://www.gotquestions.org/parable-leaven.html>