

Treasure

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Text: **Matt 13:44**

- I. Treasure: “¹Wealth accumulated, a stock or store of money in reserve. ²A great quantity of anything collected for future use. ³Something very much valued. ⁴Great abundance.” *Webster’s 1828 Dictionary*
 - A) Etymology- From Old french *tresor* (anything of value stored up) and comes from Latin and Greek *thesaurus*. Replace Old English word *goldhord*.
 - B) Hebrew has several different words translated “treasure” and the general sense is “that which is laid up, hidden or covered for future use.”
 - 1) 1st use- **Gen 43:23**- God hath given you treasure in your sacks
 - i. It is interesting to note that Joseph (type of Christ) placed this treasure in their sacks unbeknownst to them and not at all by any will or power of their own (**John 1:12-13**)
 - C) Greek word in all but one occurrence is *thesaurus* which means a “treasury or storehouse” and thus came to be used to refer to the book that contains a storehouse or hoard of words
 - 1) 1st use- **Matt 6:21**- Heart is where treasure is
- II. There are 2 aspects to the treasures found in scripture, from man’s vantage and from the Lord’s
 - A) Man’s- **2 Cor 4:3-7**- We have (possess) this treasure (knowledge of our Savior) in earthen vessels
 - B) Lord’s- **1 Pet 2:9**- Ye are a peculiar treasure
 - 1) Peculiar- “one’s own property” (from *pecus* = cattle)
 - 2) Peculiar- also translated “special, Jewel, particular, my own proper good”
 - i. It is the feminine form of “closely shut up” (as the Body is sealed up in Him)
 - C) We can see then that the word implies possession of a thing, and in this case the thing is possessed by both sides.
 - 1) **Matt 13:44**- The man who bought the treasure is the Lord
 - i. **Acts 20:28**- His church is what was purchased
 - ii. **1 Pet 1:18-20**- He paid with His Own blood
 - a) **1 Cor 6:20**- Ye are bought with a price
 - b) **1 Cor 7:23**- “ “ “ “ “ “
 - 2) **Eph 5:22-32**- The relationship of Christ and His church is that of Husband and wife, each possessing the other

- i. And yet in this body we possess Him through faith in His word, thus His word has been given to us in order that we might “know” Him, making His word the source of the Treasure
 - a) **Isa 33:6**- Fear of the Lord is treasure
 - b) **Prov 1:7**- Fear of the lord is the beginning of knowledge
 - c) **Job 28:12-20**- Knowledge of the Lord better than gold and precious stones
 - d) **Prov 3:13-15**- Wisdom and understanding better than gold, silver and precious stones
 - e) **Prov 8:8-13**- Words of the Lord are finer than gold and precious stones
 - f) **Prov 20:15**- Lips of knowledge a precious jewel (edification)
 - g) **Prov 31:10**- The “virtuous woman” is prized above rubies
 - h) **Psa 12:6-7**- Words of the Lord are like silver tried in furnace
 - i) **Deut 28:12**- The Lord will open His treasure house and send down the rain (doctrine- **Deut 32:2**)
- ii. The relationship between Christ and His church is to be one of constant growth, as a husband and wife become closer each day through a growing knowledge of each other.
 - a) Use example of girl on train going to meet new husband with and without his diary

III. **1 Cor 3:10-15**- Our works are to be judged by refiner’s fire as are gold and precious stones

A) **Matt 12:33-37**- 2 Trees with 2 hearts and 2 treasure chests

B) **Matt 6:16-21**- there are 2 types of treasure; earthly (corrupt) and heavenly (incorruptible)

1) **Prov 23:1-7**- As a man thinketh, so is he

IV. **Matt 13:51-52**- Bringing forth from treasure new and old

A) To the man who was familiar with the words of the Old testament, as a scribe was, if he then believed and was converted, he would become able to preach the wonderful truths hidden in the Old testament and revealed in the New, as Paul did in the synagogues

B) **Ex 19:3-6**- An exercise in the futility of trying to obtain Abraham’s promises by merit

C) **1 Pet 2:9**- The fulfillment of the promises based on His work and merit

D) **Matt 21:33-43**- KOG taken from Israel and given to new nation

1) Israel had a physical priesthood which was only a type of the holy nation prophesied. They never obtained the promises, and when the Lord came rejected them in unbelief. He was the High Priest of the Covenant and they (all but a remnant) missed the boat

- 2) **Psa 135:4**- Israel a peculiar treasure
 - i. **Mal 3:1-3**- The coming Messenger of the Covenant
 - ii. **Mal 3:17**- He will “gather His jewels” (jewel- same word as peculiar treasure)
- V. **Ex 1:11**- Pharaoh also had treasure cities and storehouses
 - A) **Ezra 5:17**- King of Babylon had treasure houses and records are kept there
 - B) **Dan 1:2**- Nebuchadnezzar carried off the vessels of God’s house into his own treasure house (type of Satan deceiving believers)
 - 1) In **Dan 5**, the king misuses the vessels of God so badly that wrath falls on him
 - i. **2 Thess 1:4-10** Type of the glory and wrath to come upon the 2 types of vessels from the 2 treasuries
 - C) **1 Cor 2:9-14**- Just as the Lord has a treasure house from which He abundantly blesses us with his supply, so also does Satan. And just as the Spirit of God is to teach us the word of God, the spirit of this world teaches and promotes the god of this world and his doctrine
 - 1) When a man opens his mouth, what comes out has its source in one of the 2 storehouses
 - 2) **Heb 4:12**- Every thought, word, deed, intention, all will be judged
 - i. **Hos 13:15**- The Lord will spoil the treasure of every “goodly vessel”
 - a) Goodly = “desire” (that done with man as the target of glory)
 - b) **James 5:1-3**- Rich of this world have stored up wrath as their treasure
 - 3) **Luke 12:13-24**- We must set our desire upon the Lord and His kingdom, He will see to all needs
 - i. The Lord also does not pour out of His treasury of words in order to puff up the individual. We are to be stewards, and a stewards was put in charge of his master’s possessions in order that he deal them out as needed by those of the house.
 - 4) **Luke 18:22**- Sell that you have and treasure in heaven and THEN follow me
 - i. What we need to sell is our own self righteousness and ability to supply our need
 - ii. This is exactly what he told the rich young ruler both in actuality and in type, for he possessed both physical riches and incredible self worth spiritually
 - iii. **Prov 13:7**- That maketh himself rich and has nothing and that maketh poor and is rich
 - a) **Eph 1:7-8**- The riches of the revelation of the gospel to believers
 - b) **Eph 2:7**- The riches of His grace

- c) **Eph 3:8**- Unsearchable riches
- d) **Heb 11:26**- Moses esteemed reproach of Christ a greater treasure than his principality
- e) **James 2:5**- Rich in faith
- f) **1 Cor 1:5**- In everything enriched by Him
- g) **2 Cor 6:10**- As poor yet making many rich
- h) **2 Cor 8:9**- Through Christ's poverty we believers made rich
- i) **1 Tim 6:19**- Laying up in store a good foundation
- j) **Rev 3:18**- Gold tried in the fire (consider again with **Matt 13:44** from the vantage of sanctification)