

## **The Surpassing Worth of the King & His Kingdom (Matthew 13:44-46)**

World attaches value to many things: possessions, positions, ideas, etc.

One thing more valuable than all of these combined: Kingdom of God

Kingdom of God: rule & reign of God's kingdom in heart of His people

Lord Jesus had many things to say about the kingdom of God: parables

Both parables are similar and make the same important point

Similarities: both parables speak of men finding a precious treasure.

Both speak of the cost paid in securing the treasures: sold all they had

Differences: first man – stumbled upon it, 2<sup>nd</sup> was searching for a pearl

Both teach the same principle: the surpassing worth of King & Kingdom

### **I. The Comparison Jesus Makes**

- In Jesus' day, no banks – people would bury their treasure in a field
- A servant, digging, plowing, or just passing by & he stumbled upon it
- A merchant seeking for pearls, finds a pearl of great price in the market
- Both men would be set for life – they sold all they had for the treasure
- So the kingdom of heaven is just like that - it is of inestimable value

### **II. The Cost Paid**

- Jesus' point that the treasure both men found worthy of all they had
- Those who have their eyes opened see the kingdom of God is priceless
- We can't buy the kingdom but are freely invited to receive it (Isa 55:1-2)
- Kingdom of heaven so precious that we desire it more than anything

**Matt 11: 12; Heb 11: 24-26; Phil 3: 4-9.**