

Today's passage is the Parable of the Hidden Treasure. Jesus explained that this parable is about the Kingdom of Heaven. The Kingdom of Heaven is so precious that anyone who finds it would sell everything they have to obtain it.

The Kingdom of Heaven is God's Kingdom

First, we must reaffirm what the Kingdom of Heaven is. It means the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is the main theme of Jesus' parables and the central theme of the entire Bible. The core of Jesus' teachings was the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God refers to the place where Jesus Christ reigns as the King of kings and the Lord of lords. When we fully believe in Jesus as our Savior and Lord and welcome Him into our lives, the Kingdom of God comes into our hearts. Of course, this is not the final and complete stage of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom will be fully realized on Earth when Christ returns (Revelation 11:15).

The Value of the Kingdom of Heaven

What price must we pay to possess the Kingdom of God? Even if we offer everything we have and ever will have, we still cannot enter the Kingdom of God by our own means. The Bible clearly teaches that no amount of sacrifice or payment can grant us entry into the Kingdom.

Because God is holy, His Kingdom demands holiness. However, we all fall short of the standards of the Law. Failing to meet the requirements of the Law is called sin (Romans 3:23). Therefore, as sinners, we cannot fully satisfy God's perfect righteousness.

This is why Jesus Christ, the perfect and sinless Lamb of God, had to become the atoning sacrifice for sinners. Only He could pay the unimaginable price. Therefore, the Kingdom of God holds a value that infinitely surpasses all the gold and material wealth of this world (1 Peter 1:18-19).

Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God

There is another important point to consider. A twin parable accompanies today's passage: the Parable of the Pearl of Great Value in Matthew 13:45-46.

Both the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl of Great Value share common elements: upon discovering something precious, the person sells everything they own to obtain it. However, there is a difference. In verse 44, the Kingdom of Heaven is likened to the treasure itself. But in verse 45, the Kingdom of Heaven is compared to the merchant who seeks fine pearls and purchases one of great value.

Who is this merchant who sells everything to purchase the precious pearl? It is none other than Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is Himself the Kingdom of God. He gave everything—His life, His blood—to save us and to grant us the Kingdom of God.

Believing in Jesus Is Discovering the Value of the Kingdom

Believing in Jesus is not a light matter. Believing in Him means denying ourselves and accepting Jesus as our Savior and Lord. Serving Jesus as our Lord is living under the rule of the Kingdom of God. It is making the decision that our old selves die, and Christ lives in us. In the parable, the treasure was hidden; it wasn't found by accident. Likewise, the value of the Kingdom of God is hidden. Only by the grace of the Holy Spirit can we recognize its true value (1 Corinthians 2:11, 14; John 3:3).

I pray that all the members of Hanuri Church are people who have truly discovered this treasure.

Others may see our devotion, offerings, and service and consider us foolish. Yet we are those who have discovered true value and move forward with joy.

May we daily rediscover the preciousness of the Kingdom, live for the Kingdom, and advance the Kingdom. I bless you all in the name of the Lord!

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 2:14)

**Bible
Reading**

4/28(Mon)	4/29(Tue)	4/30(Wed)	5/1(Thur)	5/2(Fri)	5/3(Sat)	5/4(Sun)
1 Kings 4-7	1 Kings 8	1 Kings 9-11	1 Kings 12-13	1 Kings 14-15	1 Kings 16-18	1 Kings 19-20

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Quiet Time Passage

4/28(Mon)	4/29(Tue)	4/30(Wed)	5/1(Thur)	5/2(Fri)	5/3(Sat)	5/4(Sun)
Numbers 16:1-11	Numbers 16:12-35	Numbers 16:36-50	Numbers 17:1-13	Numbers 18:1-20	Numbers 18:21-32	Numbers 19:1-10

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Please share how you experienced God's grace in your life through last week's message or your personal devotion time.

2. Share any new insights or blessings you received through today's message.

3. Reflect on whether the Kingdom of God is truly the greatest treasure to you, and pray for one another.