

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

6-29-14 Ken Carlton

Title: KINGDOM PRICELESS

Main Text: Mat 13: 44-58

Sermon Description: Upon considering in three stage escalation, the amplitude of the Kingdom of Heaven, we are prepared to asses its value via the Hidden Treasure / Pearl of Great Price parables. The greater context of Matthew's gospel further informs us of the personal implications of Kingdom treasure. As Calvin duly notes: "The excellence of the heavenly life is not perceived, indeed, by the sense of the flesh; and yet we do not esteem it according to its real worth, unless we are prepared to deny, on account of it, all that glitters in our eyes." Though we do not realize the Kingdom by worldly means -- our attitude, nevertheless, toward worldly means shows we understand its true value!

HEADING: Appraising the Value of the Kingdom of God by Weighing:

1. THE CONTENT OF THE KINGDOM ITSELF

- a. Discourse themes (Mt 5-7,10 ,13) b. Elements and definition c. Saved unto... (13:41-50)

2. THE CONTEXT OF THE DISCOURSES TO DATE

- a. Provisional & intrinsic (6:19-24,33) b. Protective & proprietary (7:6) c. Economic implications (10:8-10)

3. THE CONTRAST TO WORLDLY CONCEPTS

- a. Demographic (36) b. Politics (14:1-12) c. Opinion pole (13:53-58)

4. THE COMPARISONS IN PARABLE (Mat 13:44,45,51-52)

- a. Hidden riches & regeneration b. Trained eye & sanctification c. Teaching treasure

Conclusion: Col 2:2...In this passage, Courage, unity, value, security, understanding, mystery, and hidden treasure are found together in Christ himself! Application question: "Do other objects of your appraisal serve the greater good and worth of the Kingdom of Heaven – or are they merely insubordinate values unnecessarily competing for your affections?"

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FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: Value parables	Theme: Kingdom law	Theme: Intrinsic Value	Theme: Contrast to world	Theme: Comparisons	Theme: In Christ
Verses: Mt 13:44-52	Verses: Mt 13:41-50	Verses: Mt 6:19-33	Verses: Mt 13:53-14:12	Verses: Mt 13:44-51	Verses: Col 2:1-5