

The Pearl Of Great Price



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

The Pearl Of Great Price

Misplaced Values

- Financial security. Luke 12:13-21
- Pleasures. 1 John 2:15ff; James 4:4
- Wisdom. Acts 17:16-21; 1 Corinthians 1:20-25

The Pearl Of Great Price

True value.

- Treasure that never perishes. Matthew 6:19-21
- Satisfying. Isaiah 55:1-2; Psalms 46:1-7
- Value increases with the passing of time. cf. 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1; 1 Timothy 6:6; 1 Timothy 4:8
- One of a kind. *“the kingdom of heaven...”*

The Pearl Of Great Price

The merchant.

- Seeking *“goodly pearls.”* cf. Isaiah 55:6-7
 - cf. Matthew 19:16 Rich young ruler.
 - Luke 10:38-42 Mary
 - Matthew 5:6; 1 Peter 2:2 Hungry, longing.
 - Acts 8:26-39; Acts 17:11 Searching.
 - Matthew 7:7 Knocking

The Pearl Of Great Price

The merchant.

- Knows his merchandise. (Takes effort)
- NOTE: John 8:32; 2 Timothy 2:15; Matthew 11:28
- Will not accept a substitute.
- NOTE: Matthew 16:18; Acts 20:28; John 3:3-5; Acts 2

The Pearl Of Great Price

The purchase price. *“He sold all that he had...”*

- Self denial. Matthew 16:24-26; Luke 14:26
 - Honor among men. John 12:42-43
 - Family. Matthew 10:34-39

The Pearl Of Great Price

- Examples:
 - Abraham. Genesis 22:1ff
 - Daniel; Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego. Daniel 3, 6
 - Stephen. Acts 7
 - Paul. Philippians 3:5-8

7

The Pearl Of Great Price

- *“Buy the truth and sell it not.” Proverbs 23:23*
 - Judas sold for 30 pieces of silver. Matthew 26:14-15
 - Some sell because they compromise. cf. Matthew 12:30
 - Some sell because they won’t defend it. Jude 3
 - Some sell because they won’t practice it. Matthew 7:24ff

8

The Pearl Of Great Price



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

9