

## MATTHEW 13, PART 6

### I) Review

While Jesus provided interpretation of the parable of the sower and the parable of the weeds, He didn't for the rest of the parables in Matthew 13. So we are left to interpret them. The chart below interprets the parable of the hidden treasure.

#### The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Helpful Notes</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
Field	--Used in Matthew 13: 8, 24, 38  --Start with the parts of the parable that have already been interpreted.	The world
"Sells & buys"	--In Mt. 16:25-26, humanity cannot pay for our own souls.  --In Mt. 18:24-27, "selling" led to condemnation because we cannot pay the price. Only the Master's mercy can.  --In Mt. 19:21-26, we cannot be saved by selling. But with God, this is possible.  --In Mt. 20:8, Jesus is making the payment.  --Only Jesus could pay the debt that we owed (1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23; & Rev. 5:9).	The sacrificial blood of Jesus Christ
The Man	--Who has the right to buy the field/world? Certainly not humanity but God!  --The man is joyous (Mt. 18:13).	Jesus Christ
Treasure	--Selling and value are connected in Mt. 6:26 & 10:29-31, where we are the treasure.  --God's people are the treasure many times in the OT (Ex. 19:5 & Mal. 3:17).	Jesus' true followers

When interpreted through (a) the rest of Matthew 13; (b) the theology of Matthew; & (c) the allusions from the Old Testament, Matthew 13:44 is a beautiful story demonstrating the value that God has given us, buying us back from sin with the blood of His precious Son.

The Parable of the Pearl

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Helpful Notes</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
"Searching & Finding"	<p>--Who is doing the searching and finding in the rest of Jesus' parables? See Mt. 18:12-13; 20:6; &amp; 22:9-10.</p> <p>--See also Lk. 19:10; Mt. 9:13; 10:6; 15:24; &amp; 18:12.</p> <p>--Our seeking is empowered by His seeking (see Mt. 6:30-33 &amp; 7:7-11).</p>	
"Sells & buys"	--See the notes from the parable of the hidden treasure.	
The Merchant	--See the notes from the parable of the hidden treasure.	
The Pearl	--A pearl is of great value (Mt. 7:6 & 11).	

What additional meaning does this parable give?

Hidden

Also significant to understanding these two parables is the word *hidden*.

1. What did Jesus come to do in Mt. 13:35, in reference to the hidden?
2. Who/what is hidden in Mt. 13:44?
3. So then, how does the work of Jesus in Mt. 13:44 demonstrate His mission stated in 13:35?

