**PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE**

 **& THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE**

 **MATTHEW 13: 44-46**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Matthew the 13th chapter teaches seven parables to describe what *“the kingdom of heaven is like. . . .” Each parable has a* central truth, e.g., the sower = the seed is the word of God; the mustard seed and leaven = the kingdom’s small beginning but growing to reach all the world. Now, the two parables for our present study will teach us the great and incomparable value of that kingdom.

**DISCUSSION:**

1. THE TWO PARABLES
	1. The Hidden Treasure - Mt. 13:44
		1. Great treasure found, seemingly by accident
		2. Great joy in discovery
		3. He sells all and buys
	2. The Pearl of Great Price - Mt.13:45,46

A merchant seeking beautiful pearls

He finds one pearl of great price

He sells all that he has and buys it

1. DISCOVERING THE KINGDOM
	1. It is the church - Mt. 16:18,19
	2. It was God’s eternal purpose - Eph.3:9-11
	3. Christ is it’s King - Jn.18:37
	4. It is a spiritual kingdom - Jn. 18:36
	5. It will endure forever - Dan.2:44; Heb. 12: 28,29
2. ITS INCOMPARABLE VALUE

More valuable than treasure, or pearls

It cost the life of Christ - Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 1:18,19

All the saved are added to it - Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23

It will lead us to heaven - Rev. 21:1-4

**CONCLUSION:**

HOW TO ENTER THE KINGDOM - JN. 3:3,5

ARE YOU WILLING TO SELL ALL?