

## The Hidden Treasure – Matthew 13:44

Why dig in **that** particular spot?

Answer: He knew exactly **where** to look – He knew where the treasure was.

If He had no previous claim to it, would the transaction have been *fair* to the present owner? (Scripture reveals that He had a previous claim!)

A *deceiver* had usurped the field – had gained title and possession of the field.

Although the treasure was not in the field when the *deceiver* usurped it, he would not have perceived that there was **anything** precious in that which was hidden.

As the treasure was placed there *after* the usurpation, it never *legally* belonged to the deceiver.

The one who found it **Foreknew** that it was there because the field *originally* had been His and as He had placed it there, He knew *exactly* where to look.

When He found the treasure still safe, He **rejoiced** at its *safety* and determined to *buy back* the entire field, **no matter the cost**. (vs 38, the field is **the world**)

So our Lord purchased the *Whole* field in order to obtain its TREASURE.

This parable is short and the *purpose* is to emphasize two truths:

- (1) both the *costliness* and *great value* of the treasure (or pearl, vss 45-46)  
**to** the original owner
- (2) the absolute *delight* of the purchaser

Both these parables stop at the same place — the *completion* of the purchase.

Then what happened? Then, **He separated** ...(vss 47-50)