

# Sought. Found. Bought.

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## **Observations from Matthew 13:45-46:**

What is happening in this?

- **The Merchant**
  - A seeker searching for something truly valuable.
    - Supporting Verses: *Proverbs 2:4-5, Matthew 7:7*
- **The Fine Pearls**
  - Many things in life have value, but not all are equal.
    - Supporting Verses: *Ecclesiastes 1:14, Job 28:18*
- **The One Pearl of Great Price**
  - Singular, priceless, and surpassing all others.
    - Supporting Verses: *Philippians 3:8, Matthew 6:33*
- **Selling Everything**
  - Demonstrates total surrender for something of immeasurable worth.
    - Supporting Verses: *Luke 14:33, Matthew 16:24-26*
- **Buying the Pearl**
  - A decisive, all-in commitment.
    - Supporting Verses: *Matthew 6:19-21, 1 Corinthians 6:20*

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## Lessons from Matthew 13:45-46:

What can we learn (interpret) from this?

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- **God is the Merchant, and We Are His Pearl**

- God actively searches for His people, redeeming them at great cost.
  - Supporting Verses: *Luke 19:10, John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 6:20, Revelation 21:21*

- **We Are the Merchant, and Christ Is the Pearl**

- The Kingdom is life-changing for those who realize its worth.
  - Supporting Verses: *Matthew 7:7, Jeremiah 29:13, Philippians 3:7-8*

**Both views are true:** God seeks us (*Luke 19:10*), but we must also seek Him (*James 4:8, Matthew 13:9*).

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## Application from Matthew 13:45-46:

How can I apply / live this out?

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- **Do You Recognize Your Worth to God?**

- You are God's pearl, sought after and redeemed.
  - Supporting Verses: *1 Corinthians 6:20, Isaiah 43:1, Romans 5:8*

- **Are You Searching for the Right Treasure?**

- Many things seem valuable, but only one is truly priceless.
  - Supporting Verses: *Matthew 6:33, Proverbs 3:13-15, Jeremiah 29:13*

- **Are You Willing to Go All In?**

- When you find something this valuable, don't hesitate—go all in.
  - Supporting Verses: *Luke 14:33, Philippians 3:7-8, Matthew 16:24-26*

- **Are You Helping Others Find the Pearl?**

- If you know where the greatest treasure is, shouldn't you share it?
  - Supporting Verses: *Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 4:7, Romans 10:14*

- **Reflection Questions:**

- Are you searching for the Pearl of Great Value, or lesser pearls?
  - What would it look like to live out your faith by helping others find The Pearl of Great Value (Jesus Christ)?
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