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February 16, 2025 | *Matthew 13:44*

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Observations from Matthew 13:44:

What is happening in this verse?

- **The Treasure:**
 - The Kingdom of God is compared to something valuable but hidden.
 - Supporting Verses: Colossians 2:2-3, Matthew 11:25
- **The Field:**
 - The place where the treasure is hidden.
 - Supporting Verses: Matthew 13:38, Ezekiel 36:26
- **The Man's Actions:**
 - He finds, covers, and sells everything to buy the field.
 - Finding & Covering:
 - Supporting Verses: Romans 16:25-26, Matthew 11:25
- **Selling Everything:**
 - The immense value of what is found.
 - Supporting Verses: Philippians 3:7-8, Luke 14:33

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Lessons from Matthew 13:44:

What can we learn (interpret) from this verse?

- **The Man Represents God, and the Treasure is His People**
 - God actively searches for His people and redeems them at great cost.
 - Supporting Verses: *Exodus 19:5, Isaiah 43:1, John 3:16*
- **The Man is a Seeker, and the Treasure is the Kingdom**
 - The Kingdom is life-changing for those who realize its value and worth.
 - Supporting Verses: *Matthew 6:33, Matthew 16:24-26, Jeremiah 29:13*

Both views are true: God seeks us (*Luke 19:10*), but we must respond (*Matthew 13:9*).

Application from Matthew 13:44:

How can I apply / live out this verse?

- **Have You Found the Treasure?**
 - The treasure was always there, waiting to be recognized.
 - Faith is about receiving, not earning.
 - Supporting Verses: *Matthew 7:7, Isaiah 55:6*
- **Are You Ready to Respond?**
 - Many walk away from church but still long for something real.
 - Faith isn't about losing—it's about gaining something greater.
 - Supporting Verses: *Philippians 3:7-8, Matthew 11:28-30*
- **Are You Sharing the Treasure?**
 - If we see the Kingdom as valuable, it should change how we live.
 - Supporting Verses: *2 Corinthians 4:7, Matthew 28:19*

Reflection Questions:

- What is your treasure?
 - What would it look like to live as if the Kingdom was your greatest treasure?
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