

The Most Valuable Thing In the World

Text: Matthew 13:44-46

Introduction:

- A. Explain the surface meaning of the parables.
 - B. If you could become the possessor of the most valuable thing in the world, would you expend the necessary time and effort to do so?
 - C. How can you secure for yourself the most valuable thing in the world?
- I. What is the most valuable thing in the world?
- A. It is not wealth. - 1 Kings 10:1-7,14-29; Ecclesiastes 2:11,18-19
 - B. It is not pleasure. - 1 Kings 11:1-8; Ecclesiastes 2:1-2
 - C. It is the kingdom of heaven. - text; Matthew 16:18-19
- II. How valuable is the kingdom of heaven?
- A. Its value is not apparent to all. - text; Romans 8:5
 - B. But to those who are spiritually minded, its value is priceless. - Ephesians 5:25; 1:3,22,23; Matthew 16:26-27
- III. How is it secured?
- A. Some find it by chance. - Matthew 13:44; cf. John 4:3-29
 - B. Others seek it. - Matthew 13:45; Acts 8:26-39
 - C. All must sacrifice everything in order to secure it. - text; Hebrews 11:24-26
- IV. How do some fail to secure it?
- A. Some degrade its value. - Acts 28:22
 - B. Some wait for the price to come down. - Acts 24:25
 - C. Some admire it from afar. - Acts 26:28
 - D. Some fail to make the necessary sacrifice. - Luke 14:33
- Conclusion:
- A. The most valuable thing in the world is the kingdom of heaven.
 - B. If you will secure this treasure as your own, it will bring you boundless joy. - Matthew 13:44
 - C. Will you not determine to pay the price?