



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 13:44-46

Jesus said to his disciples:

“The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant
searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a pearl of great price,
he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.”

Our Scripture Reflection

In our Gospel text, Jesus tells us that two men who discover treasure invest all that they have to obtain it. These examples pose a most important question to us: What is your relationship with Jesus worth? What are you willing to invest in it? Jesus shed every drop of His Precious Blood for us. What are you willing to give to Him?

Food for your Journey

A famous rabbi once surprised some learned men who were his guests by asking, "Where does God live?" They laughed at him. "What are you saying? Surely the world is full of his glory!" But he answered his own question: "God lives where people admit him."

In Gerd Theissen's words (*The Open Door: Variations on Biblical Themes* [Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1991], 107): "If we recognize that God is where we admit him, then our question changes. In that case we no longer ask 'Where is God? Where can God be experienced? Where do we encounter him?' But we notice that we are being asked, 'Where are you? Where do you admit God into your life? ... Where do you make room for God?'"

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, I want to spend my eternal life with You. Help me to remove all distractions and temptations so that I can spend my time here on earth preparing for my heavenly life with You. Amen.