

A serene landscape with misty mountains and a calm lake reflecting the scene. The mountains are layered, creating a sense of depth and atmosphere. The water is still, acting as a perfect mirror for the sky and the surrounding greenery.

# The Hidden Treasure

Evangel Christian Fellowship

# Our Confession

- Walk and Agree with God
- Amos 3:3

“Can two walk together except they be agreed”

- We will win because we believe what the Word of God says about
    - Who we are
    - What we have and
    - What we can do
- In Christ Jesus

# The Hidden Treasure

What of the Hidden Treasure?

- The Parable of the Hidden Treasure                      Matt 13:44
- The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price                Matt 13:45-46
- The treasure is in earthen vessel                        2 Cor 4:7
- The treasure is now our inheritance                      1 Pet 1:3-23

## Matthew 13:44-46

<sup>44</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls,

<sup>46</sup> who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

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- The Parable of the Hidden Treasure                      Matt 13:44
- The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price                Matt 13:45-46
- Jesus used parables as simple stories to teach moral or religious lessons
- These 2 parables tells us
  - The Kingdom of God is likened to precious hidden treasure
  - This hidden treasure can be found
  - That people having found it sold all they had to buy it

# The Hidden Treasure

What are some lessons we can learn from the parables?

## 1. Both Men had wisdom to instantly discern the worth of the treasure

- Many people fail to see the true worth of a thing
- Result of failure to discern its true value is to
  - ❑ Walk past without noticing it
  - ❑ Look at it, assess it and ignore and reject it as worthless
  - ❑ Recognise it but devalue it's worth and let it go quickly and cheaply
  
- The world renown Golconda Region in Hyderabad, India
  - ❑ Region famous for Diamond Mines
  - ❑ Most well known is Kollur Mine
  - ❑ World's many priceless diamond discovered in this mine

# The Hidden Treasure

The Famous Diamonds from Kollur Mines over the centuries:

1. Koh-i-Noor owned by British Crown Jewels

- 105 Carats, part of the Crown Jewels
- Worth Billions



2. Blue Hope owned by US Smithsonian Institute

- 45 Carats, Blue diamond,
- Worth about US\$350m



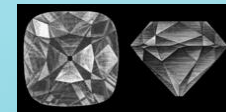
3. Daria-i-Noor owned by Iranian Crown Jewel

- 182 Carat



4. Regent Diamond owned by France, in the Louvre

- 140 Carats
- Worth US\$50m



5. Instructive Story from Golconda Region

# The Hidden Treasure

What are some lessons we can learn from the parables?

## 1. Both Men had wisdom to instantly discern the worth of the treasure

- Be wise to recognize the true worth
- Avoid the tragedy of the examples in Bible
  - ❑ Adam and Eve were enticed to eat the forbidden fruit by satan's deceit
  - ❑ Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of pottage because of lack of self-control
  - ❑ Judas sold Jesus for 30 pieces of silver because of worldly greed
  - ❑ Demas departed for the love of the world

John 10:10 “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly”

***BE WISE TO DISCERN THE TRUE WORTH OF THE TREASURE WE POSSESS!***



# The Hidden Treasure

What are some lessons we can learn from the parables?

## 2. The priceless treasure is worth selling all to buy it

- In parable of Hidden Treasure, the man stumbled upon it
- In parable of Pearl of Great Price, the merchant actively seek for it
- Both men sold all they had to buy it
- We cannot buy our way into the Kingdom of God
  - Eph 2:8 “For by Grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourself; it is the gift of God

# The Hidden Treasure

What are some lessons we can learn from the parables?

## 2. The treasure is worth selling all to buy it

- In God's economy, it's an open invitation and It's free!
  - ❑ Isaiah 55:1 "...Come, buy...without money and without price"
  - ❑ Isaiah 55:9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are **My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts**"
- God's generosity and kindness
  - ❑ 2 Cor 8:9 "For you know the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that **though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through is poverty might become rich**"

***LET US SELL ALL (FIGURATIVELY) AND BUY THIS TREASURE!***

# The Hidden Treasure

## 3. God has put this treasure in earthen vessel – in each of us!

- 2 Cor 4:7 “But we have this treasure in earthen vessel, ...”
- Simply put, the treasure in us is the Lord Jesus Christ, the light
- Through knowing Jesus, we inherit His DNA, and partake His Divine Nature
  - 2 Pet 1:3, 4 “as His Divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partaker of the Divine Nature....”
- We have the Royal Bloodline of the King of kings
  - Like earthly princes and princesses, we need nurturing and training to fulfil our roles
- The Majesty of Jesus Christ in us is waiting to shine forth
  - We are epistles of Christ read of all men 2Cor 3:2-3
- This treasure is our strong defense in tough times
  - 2 Cor 4:8 -17 “..hard-pressed ..yet not crushed, ...perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted, but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed,...  
We do not lose heart,.....”

***WE HAVE THE GOD GIVEN TREASURE WHICH IS OUR STRONG DEFENSE!***

## 2 Corinthians 4:7

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

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## 4. This treasure, it is now our inheritance!

- 1 Pet 1:3-5 “..begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, to an inheritance that is incorruptible, and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,.....”
- Born Again through God’s abundant mercy
- Living Hope because Jesus is Alive
- Inheritance is incorruptible, undefiled and does not fade away
- Reserved in Heaven for you, ready to be revealed in the last time

***LET US LAY HOLD OF OUR GODLY INHERITANCE IN CHRIST JESUS!***

# The Hidden Treasure

1. It can be found
2. Let us be wise to discern the true worth of the treasure we possess
2. Let us sell all (figuratively) and buy this treasure
3. It is in us. In our very core waiting to shine forth. It is our strong defense
4. Let us lay hold of our Godly inheritance in Christ Jesus

***PRAISE THE LORD OUR GOD***

***THE HIDDEN TREASURE IS NOW UNCOVERED!***