

**Hidden Treasure
&
Climate Change's Entry Into FORCE
& the SUNDAY LAW Link
28 Parables of Jesus Series**
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What is the parable of the hidden treasure?

Mat 13:44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

In ancient times it was not uncommon for people to literally bury and hid their treasures and valuables in their field to protect them from thieves. As time passes that person may die or another nation may take possession of the land through war and the location hidden treasure is unknown.

At times when a farmer rents land to grow his crop may find the hidden treasure while plowing the field. The man in Jesus' parable after he found the treasure sold everything to buy the field.

What are the key points that Jesus is teaching in the hidden treasure parable?

1) The kingdom of heaven is much more valuable then the greatest treasures on this earth

The kingdom of heaven is referring to the spiritual kingdom of grace unto salvation that we must have first before we go back with Jesus at His second coming to the physical kingdom of Heaven.

The spiritual kingdom of grace unto salvation was paid with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus offers that great treasure to ALL of us everlasting life!

Psalms 119:14-16

14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as *much as* in all riches.

15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

2) It takes effort to secure God's heavenly treasure

Psa 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

Jer 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Proverbs 2:1-6

1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding;

3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding;

4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures;

5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding.

The kingdom of heaven is not secured by doing nothing. You must give effort. Remember, there is no welfare salvation. Cutting the grass religion will not find the treasures, you MUST dig to find the treasures.

3) When you completely understand the value of the heavenly treasure you will give up ALL to secure it

Luk 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

What did Jesus tell the rich young ruler?

Mat 19:21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

Mat 19:22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

What was Peter's response?

Mar 10:28 Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.

Mar 10:29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

Mar 10:30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

What does the field of the parable represent?

The Holy Bible

Rom 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

What do you have to do in order to find the treasures in the field, the Word of God?

Joh 5:39 Search [Gk: investigate]the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

What are some examples of the treasures found in God's Word?

Treasures of truth that you have to "DIG" for! Cutting the grass is not enough!

True wisdom

Pro 16:16 How much better *is it* to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

Commandments & Judgments of God

Psalms 19:7-10

- 7 The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Psa 119:72 The law of thy mouth *is* better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

Psa 119:127 Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.

Pro 23:23 Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

Godly Wisdom & Understanding

Psa 111:10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his*

commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

Job 28:12-20

- 12 But where shall wisdom be found? and where *is* the place of understanding?
- 13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.
- 14 The depth saith, It *is* not in me: and the sea saith, *It is* not with me.
- 15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed *for* the price thereof.
- 16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.
- 17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it *shall not be for* jewels of fine gold.
- 18 No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom *is* above rubies.
- 19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.
- 20 Whence then cometh wisdom? and where *is* the place of understanding?

Proverbs 3:13-15

- 13 Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding.
- 14 For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.
- 15 She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

Pro 16:16 How much better *is it* to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

Godly Instruction

Proverbs 8:10-11

- 10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.
- 11 For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

Treasures of TRUTH under YOUR feet will NEVER be found if you don't dig for it.

What is the problem with many “Christians” today who are at the brink of the second coming of Jesus Christ?

They had the same problem of the Jews at the time of Christ. They did not study or dig for the truth. Today, people are mesmerized by worldliness and negligent the field filled with the treasures!

POWERFUL QUOTE

“God does not conceal His truth from men. By their own course of action they make it obscure to themselves. Christ gave the Jewish people abundant evidence that He was the Messiah; but His teaching called for a decided change in their lives. They saw that if they received Christ, they must give up their cherished maxims and traditions, their selfish, ungodly practices. It required a sacrifice to receive changeless, eternal truth. Therefore they would not admit the most conclusive evidence that God could give to establish faith in Christ. They professed to believe the Old Testament Scriptures, yet they refused to accept the testimony contained therein concerning Christ's life and character. They were afraid of being convinced lest they should be converted and be compelled to give up their preconceived opinions. The treasure of the gospel, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, was among them, but they rejected the greatest gift that Heaven could bestow. {COL 105.1}

“And today men are eagerly seeking for earthly treasure. Their minds are filled with selfish, ambitious thoughts. For the sake of gaining worldly riches, honor, or power, they place the maxims, traditions, and requirements of men above the requirements of God. From them the treasures of His word are hidden.” {COL 106.1}

1 Corinthians 2:14 "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

What is the shovel?

God gives us the shovel and the power to dig for the treasures of truth through the Holy Spirit, but we have to make effort to use the shovel and dig! The shovel is your mind and intellect. By faith you must dig for the truth and obey it! But the majority are using their shovel to dig in the worldly fields of sin trying to find treasures in the things and stuff of the world.

Our minds were created to reflect the mind of Christ our Creator and Saviour – What is the mind of Christ?

Philippians 2:1-8

1 If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

3 *Let nothing be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

What happens to worldly treasures hoarded for self?

Jas 5:1 Go to now, *ye* rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon *you*.

Jas 5:2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten.

Jas 5:3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

What does Jesus tell those who are not using their “shovels” to dig for the treasures of truth from God's Holy Word?

Mat 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

What is the Highest Education for your mind?

“This is the treasure [of truth] that is found in the Scriptures. The Bible is God's great lesson book, His great educator. The foundation of all true science is contained in the Bible. Every branch of knowledge may be found by searching the word of God. And above all else it contains the science of all sciences, the science of salvation. The Bible is the mine of the unsearchable riches of Christ.

The true higher education is gained by studying and obeying the word of God. But when God's word is laid aside for books that do not lead to God and the kingdom of heaven, the education acquired is a perversion of the name.”{COL 107}

“When the mind of man is brought into communion with the mind of God, the finite with the Infinite, the effect on body and mind and soul is beyond estimate. In such communion is found the highest education. It is God's own method of development. "Acquaint now thyself with Him" (Job 22:21), is His message to mankind.” {AA 126.1}

“The knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ, expressed in character, is an exaltation above everything that is esteemed in earth or in heaven. It is the very highest education. It is the key that opens the portals of the heavenly city. This knowledge it is God's purpose that all who put on Christ by baptism shall possess. And it is the duty of God's servants to set before these souls the privilege of their high calling in Christ Jesus.” {6T 97.1}

A Cap and Gown is NOT the HIGHEST Education

Degrees are not the highest education.

Worldly wisdom and education is NOT higher education, but lower education! Children and youth in many of today's schools are being educated away from God to the abominable education of the world!

“A student may go through all the grades of the schools and colleges of today. He may devote all his powers to acquiring knowledge. But unless he has a knowledge of God, unless he obeys the laws that govern his being, he will destroy himself. By wrong habits he loses his power of self-appreciation. He loses self-control. He cannot reason correctly about matters that concern him most closely. He is reckless and irrational in his treatment of mind and body. By wrong habits he makes of himself a wreck. Happiness he cannot have; for his neglect to cultivate pure, healthful principles places him under the control of habits that ruin his peace. His years of taxing study are lost, for he has destroyed himself. He has misused his physical and mental powers, and the temple of the body is in ruins. He is ruined for this life and for the life to come. By acquiring earthly knowledge he thought to gain a treasure, but by laying his Bible aside he sacrificed a treasure worth everything else.” {COL 108.2}

What is wrong with many of our “Christian” Universities and seminaries today?

“The priests and Pharisees thought they were doing great things as teachers by putting their own interpretation upon the word of God, but Christ said of them, "Ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God." Mark 12:24. He charged them with the guilt of "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Mark 7:7. Though they were the teachers of the oracles of God, though they were supposed to understand His word, they were not doers of the word. Satan had blinded their eyes that they should not see its true import.

This is the work of many in our day. Many churches are guilty of this sin. There is danger, great danger, that the supposed wise men of today will repeat the experience of the Jewish teachers. They falsely interpret the divine oracles, and souls are brought into perplexity and shrouded in darkness because of their misconception of divine truth. The Scriptures need not be read by the dim light of tradition or human speculation. {COL 110.4}

Who will convict you of the truth and lead you to all truth?

John 16:7-9, 13

- 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.
- 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
- 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that shall he speak:* and he will shew you things to come.

1Pe 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*

What will keep you from getting the deep treasures from the Word of God?

1Pe 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

1Pe 2:7 Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

1Pe 2:8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

Eph 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

DISOBEDIENCE to the light that God has revealed will lock the other treasures of God's Word.

Obedience to truth opens up the many other treasurers of God Truth as you dig for it.

In His prayer to the Father, Christ gave to the world a lesson which should be graven on mind and soul. "This is life eternal," He said, "that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." John 17:3. This is true education. It imparts power. The experimental knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ whom He has sent, transforms man into the image of God. It gives to man the mastery of himself, bringing every impulse and passion of the lower nature under the control of the higher powers of the mind. It makes its possessor a son of God and an heir of heaven. It brings him into communion with the mind of the Infinite, and opens to him the rich treasures of the universe. {COL 114.2}

This is the knowledge which is obtained by searching the word of God. And this treasure may be found by every soul who will give all to obtain it. {COL 114.3}

"If thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God." Proverbs 2:3-5. {COL 114.4}

What does God instruct His people to do in the last days?

Mark 13:33 "Take ye heed, **watch** and **pray**: for ye know not when the time is."

Mark 13:35-37

35 "**Watch** ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, **Watch.**"

Watch, watch, watch, pray, pray, pray, and be ready. This is Jesus urgent plea to His people. The Greek word for "watch" means to "keep awake" according to the Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionary. We all must take heed to this urgent call from Jesus Himself. We cannot afford for one moment to be sleep spiritually, keep awake! What keeps you awake? It is the study of God's word and prophecies, obedience, and sharing truth with others. This is not the time to be drunk with the cares, worries, and deceptions of Satan in this life. Satan is serving a cocktail mixture of truth and error to the whole world that is designed to make all people drunk and sleepy. Are you sleep?

Even though we don't know the exact day and time of Jesus second coming but He has given us signs and prophecies in His Word that we MUST study and watch for in the last days.

The Mark of the Beast

The Mark of the Beast Crisis is right upon us!

What does the beast, papal Rome, say is its distinctive “mark” of authority?

“Sunday is our Mark of authority....The church is ABOVE the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact.” - Catholic Record, September 1, 1923

"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change [of the Sabbath to Sunday] was her act. It could not have been otherwise, as none in those days would have dreamed of doing anything in matters spiritual and ecclesiastical and religious without her. AND **THE ACT IS A MARK** of ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters."—James Cardinal Gibbons, in a letter to J .F. Snyder of Bloomington, Illinois, dated November 11, 1895, and signed by H.F. Thomas, Chancellor for the Cardinal

Remember the enforcement of a Sunday Law is the mark of the beast.

The Sunday Law is quietly moving forward under the disguise of “climate change”

What is the Climate Change's Entry Into FORCE & the SUNDAY LAW Link?

See slides more details

2 key objectives of climate change (Paris Agreement): Papal World Rule and Sunday Law

- 1) Show US rejection of climate change proposals in the past
- 2) May 2015 Pope Francis Encyclical on Climate Change with Sunday Law
- 3) Sept 2015 Pope Francis Speaks to US Congress and UN
- 4) Legislators worldwide promote Pope Francis climate doc with Sunday Law and promoting Paris Agreement
- 5) Pope Francis strongly advocates country adopting Paris agreement
- 6) Days before Paris Agreement Paris “terrorist attacks”
- 7) Papacy well represented at Paris Agreement meeting in December 2015
- 8) All countries came together – April 2016 to sign agreement
- 9) “Climate change” weather events worldwide flooding etc... heat waves
- 10) Papacy and pope strongly pushing countries to ratify PA. - “It's a sin, etc...
- 11) US and China (major countries) put away difference and Obama and president of China ratified PA September 3, 2016. technically did not take affect until September 6, Tuesday the day after Labor Day.
- 12) September 21- “The Gathering” has a solemn assembly also on the same day PA countries are to turn in their instruments of agreement
- 13) October 21 – 30 later PA is enforced! (Actually November 4, 2016)**