

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

You Asked For It, Pt. 5

Finding Hidden Treasure

Matthew 6:9-10, "In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. **Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**"

Who is invited to pray this prayer together?

- **Everyone who believes Jesus**
- We can't pray "**Our Father**" for ourselves alone.

Jesus begins telling us **God's answer to our prayer**

Vs. 24, "The kingdom of heaven is like **a man who sowed good seed in his field**"

Vs. 31, "The kingdom of heaven is like **a mustard seed**, which **a man** took and **sowed in his field**"

Vs. 33, "The kingdom of heaven is like **leaven**, which a woman took and **hid** in three measures of meal"

Matthew 13:44, "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."

Vs. 33, "hid" = Intentionally **concealed, deposited within**

Vs. 35 & 44, "hidden & hid", "hid" & "kept secret" = Intentionally **kept secret/unrevealed...**

- To be found by those seeking

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Vs. 24, 31, 38 & 44, "field" = Farm land

- **Vs. 38**, Jesus explained that, "**the field is the world**"
- So, **God is seeding, depositing & farming in the world**
- "**On earth** as it is in heaven"

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Vs. 44, "the kingdom of heaven is like **treasure hidden in a field**"

- "treasure" = a deposit of **wealth** beneath the surface **in the world**
- What is the treasure? **The kingdom of heaven on earth**

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Vs. 44, "which a man found"

- **What sort of man** found it?
- **How** did he find it?

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Proverbs 2:1-5, My son, **if you receive my words, and treasure my commands** within you, so that you **incline your ear** to wisdom, and **apply your heart** to understanding; Yes, if you **cry out for discernment**, and lift up your voice for understanding, **If you seek her** as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

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Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."

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Matthew 7:7-11, "Ask, and it will be given to you; **seek, and you will find**; knock, and it will be opened to you. **For everyone** who asks receives, and he **who seeks finds**, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!**"

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Asks for, seeks and knock for... **What?**
(some people torture that promise beyond belief)

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- That's the foundation of the ask

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Matthew 13:24, 31, 33 & 44, "The kingdom of heaven is like..."

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If we believe Him, so far **we are asking for...**

- A bumper crop of **godly seed**, to **BE & plant**
- In Christ's behalf, in **His field** that is **The World**
- Knowing **there will be weeds** among them
- **Trusting God** to do the weeding at the end

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We are also asking for...

- Inconspicuous seeds of **who Jesus is...**
- That will **grow to become** a welcoming environment

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And that **our kingdom deposit** is also...

- A living **influential agent** of God's kingdom presence...
- That gradually changes **the environment we live in**
- **One person at a time**, like Philip & Nathanael

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These are all present simultaneously...

- **Orchestrated by the King**
- Hold them all in your hand for God to use as He wants

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How else do we pray for God's kingdom to be **evident on earth?**

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"treasure **hidden in a field**, which a man found and hid"

- **The kingdom is the treasure.**
- He didn't **remove it** from where he found it
- He preserved the place **where God put it**
- He may have added mustard seed & leaven to increase its presence

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He exchanged **all other value he had** for God's treasure

- So did the apostle Paul

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Philippians 3:7-8, But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

- Is there anything we value **more than our King?**

Given the kingdom realities we've learned so far...

- **Are we, you & I, deposited in the world for people to find?**
- Do we see ourselves as being here **to be found?**
- Are we evidence of **having something more valuable** than everything else we own?
- Is it of great value to us **because** we asked, sought & knocked to obtain it?

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Is the offering of our deposit, like David's in **II Samuel 24:24?**

- **"I will not offer to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing."**
- Can other's see how valuable it is to us?
- Do we live in such a way that others would want what we have?

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He was looking (7:7-8) for **more than what is laying on the surface.**

- The treasure of God's kingdom is "hidden", deposited in "the field"
- Are we **taking it** out of the church, **into God's field?**
- Might we be suspected of being with Jesus...
- **For Christ's benefit**, and those who need to find Him with us