

**Week 21**

**February 8, 2009**

**Everything**

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl  
Matthew 13:44-46

**The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure.**

When a man finds it he  
sells all he has  
and buys that field.

**The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant**

who finds a priceless pearl  
and sells everything  
to buy that pearl.

**The contents of this treasure chest**

(Romans 5:1-11, 8:1-39, Ephesians 1:3-14)

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**The essence of this priceless pearl** (Romans 8:38-39)

**Why sell everything?**

1. The treasure is worth it (Matthew 16:26).
2. Partial payments aren't enough  
(Matthew 10:37-39, Romans 12:1-2).
3. Relinquishment of our treasure means freedom  
(1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19).

**Life as a caretaker-steward** (Matthew 25:14-30, 2 Timothy 6:20)

**Life as an heir to God's kingdom**  
(Romans 8:17, Galatians 3:29-4:7)

**Other resources:**

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*