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## The Parables of Jesus Christ: The Price Paid for a Pearl

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# THE PARABLES OF JESUS CHRIST

## PARABLE EIGHTEEN: The Price Paid for a Pearl (Mt. 13:45-46)

### SURVEY

When a pearl merchant found a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it.

### SIGNIFICANCE

Many believe the pearl here is the first allusion to the church in the Bible.

### SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

- Parables 17 and 18 describe God's two most precious possessions, the nation Israel and the church.
- Both prized possessions are highlighted in the construction of the Holy City, New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:1-2).
  1. The twelve gates in the wall surrounding the city consist of twelve pearls (Rev. 21:21).
    - a. Each gate was supervised by a special angel (Rev. 21:12).
    - b. Each gate was named after one of the twelve tribes of Israel (Rev. 21:12).
  2. The twelve foundations of the city are named after the twelve apostles of Christ (Rev. 21:14).