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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).