



August 22

## *Jesus Seeks Us, Even as We Seek Him*

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Yes, if you...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 Yahweh,  
 and find the knowledge of God – Proverbs 2:3-5

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[Matthew 13:44-53] “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found, and hid. In his joy, he goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field.

“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who is a merchant seeking fine pearls, who having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some fish of every kind, which, when it was filled, they drew up on the beach. They sat down, and gathered the good into containers, but the bad they threw away. So will it be in the

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end of the world. The angels will come forth, and separate the wicked from among the righteous, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you understood all these things?”

They answered him, “Yes, Lord.”

He said to them, “Therefore, every scribe who has been made a disciple in the Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who is a householder, who brings out of his treasure new and old things.”

It happened that when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed from there.

1. How does “seek and sell all” in the first two parables relate to “separate” in the third?
  
2. Are you a good fish, a treasure field, a pearl of great price? How did God obtain you?
  
3. Jesus, you are bringing God’s rule to our unruly world by buying us, separating us from...