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The Treasure of the Universe

Parable of the sower: context

Do we value what we have been given?

Matt 13:11-17

- Something has been granted to you.
- Others will not see or hear because they have no desire to
- Prophets, righteous men, kings and angels have longed to see what you see

Lk 10:24

Jn 8:56

1 Pet 1:10-12

Heb 11:25-27

Heb 11:13

Phil 3:8

Matt 13:18 "Hear then (therefore, consequently, these things being so) the parable of the sower.

HEAR WITH EARS THAT VALUE WHAT YOU HEAR, DESIRE, LONG FOR, LONG TO CATCH A CLEAR GLIMPSE = TREASURE

Do you treasure the seed within you?
What do we really value most?

The parable of the seed (Matt 13: 3-8 and 19-23): it's about how the heart receives and grows Christ the Word. It's not just about a start but a bringing to full fruitful maturity. What sort of heart is needed for the will of God to be accomplished in us; brought to completion? i.e. our sanctification/transformation

Beside the road (on the well worn path) can't pierce the hard surface = hard heart

Rocky places = temporary focus, no eternal root. Affliction = pressure, persecution causes stumbling.

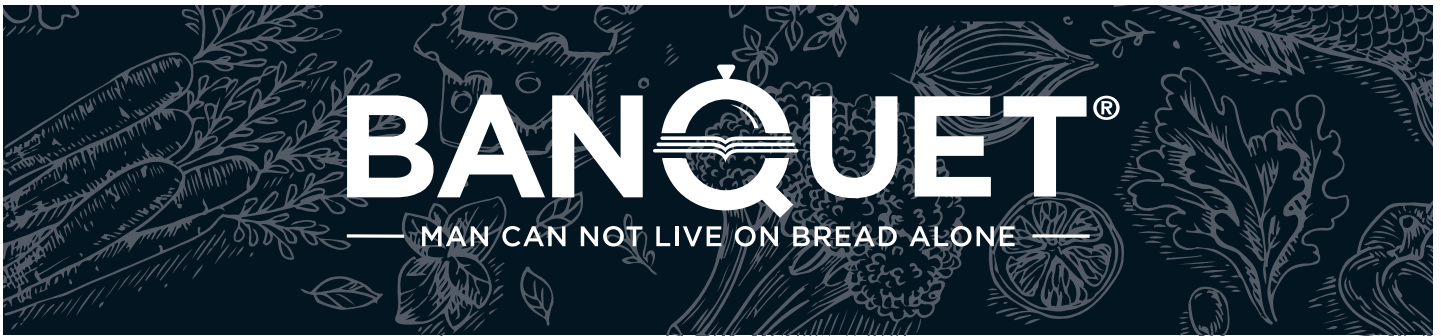
Among thorns = worries, probably connected with merizo, "to draw in different directions, distract," hence signifies "that which causes this, a care, especially an anxious care,"

deceitfulness of wealth "deceit or deceitfulness" (akin to apatao, "to cheat, deceive, beguile"), that which gives a false impression, whether by appearance, statement or influence,
Wealth = material riches.

1 Tim 6:19

We're either deceived by what looks like riches or we're consumed by the true riches:
Have we sold all to obtain the Treasure of the Universe?
The parables of the treasure and the pearl (Matt 13:44-46)

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We can't have the treasure on our terms, it requires all to obtain it.

The seed is meant to grow into a tree that fills all:

The parable of the mustard seed (Matt 13:31-32)

The inheritance is far greater than it seems when we look at the smallness of the beginning:

Zec 8:23

Micah 4:1,2 (Is 2:2,3)

Ez 47:1-5

Dan 2:34,35

Where your treasure is...the first commandment

"Love for the Lord is finding Jesus more valuable than anything"

"Love for the Lord is finding Jesus more precious in your heart than anything else"

Mat 6:19-21

Matthew 6 speaks to the ways of God being so different from what we think naturally. He's not just talking about what we think as "worldly" things. He's talking about how we try and relate to Him. i.e. giving, praying, fasting, what we store up (or put our trust in), what's in our thought life like worry, what we are serving. He's speaking of matters of the heart seen by God not seen by men.

No matter what we might do externally, God sees the heart. He wants all of our heart, He's looking for a people whose treasure is Him. Who heart is His. Who love Him with all.

He even says at the end of Mat 6 that the reason we can live without worry is that we are His treasure: (Matt 6:26)

Mk 12:30

Only when we treasure Him does the seed grow to maturity and take over all things, not a small part but ALL of us. In this environment the amazing sanctification process of the Holy Spirit transforms us and we have more and more of Christ formed within us. We become more and more like Him in readiness for all that He has for us in eternity. We prove by the very change that His word in us is causing the good, acceptable and perfect (complete) will of God: (Rom 12:2)

Jesus gave up all the riches, all the treasure that was His, to pursue us as His treasure that we might inherit all His riches.

Phil 2:5-8

2 Chron 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.

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“The one you find” by Shane and Shane

Your eyes are searching the earth
The groom’s eyes are searching for her
You’re looking for hearts’ eyes
To see what you’re worth
The treasure of the universe
Find me in this holy thirst

And I will love you
And I will love you
And I will love you
And I would be the one you’d find

Your eyes are burning with fire
The groom’s eyes they burn with desire
For a lover who’s waiting
For the love of her life
And I would be the one you’d find
O God who’s merciful and kind

And I will love you
And I will love you
And I will love you
And I would be the one you’d find
I would be the one you’d find

Find me here
Find me now
Find me when I can’t find myself
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