

**A PIRATE'S TALE**  
**MATTHEW 13:44**

**Introduction:**    *We come to the fifth parable this morning, the parable of the \_\_\_\_\_ treasure.*

- A.    *It recognizes the allure and the mystery which always gathers around the notion of \_\_\_\_\_ treasure.*
  
- B.    *The first four parables were delivered by the Sea of Galilee on a \_\_\_\_\_ memorable occasion when Jesus spoke to a great crowd who gathered about him.*
  - 1.    *They are part of the whole series of seven, but they were given only to the \_\_\_\_\_.*

**I.    A great \_\_\_\_\_ of these parables has developed without any basis in the systematic interpretation of symbols in Scripture, which has hidden their true meaning.**

- A.    *The usual interpretation of these parables is that \_\_\_\_\_ is the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price.*
  - 1.    *Never, anywhere in Scripture is salvation ever offered to us as something we have to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ buy.*
  
- B.    *Notice that there are two things in this story which are immediately \_\_\_\_\_ because we have had them before.*
  - 1.    *The man in these parables is always \_\_\_\_\_ himself.*
  
  - 2.    *Jesus came, he says, and found a treasure hidden in \_\_\_\_\_.*

C. *Immediately we are asking ourselves, "What is this treasure?"  
That is what our Lord \_\_\_\_\_ us to ask.*

D. *The treasure is the secret of international \_\_\_\_\_, of  
harmony among the \_\_\_\_\_.*

1. *If you want to put that treasure into one word, as revealed  
by the Scriptures, that word is \_\_\_\_\_.*

2. *But such is not the case; God did not choose Israel for that  
purpose. He chose them to be a \_\_\_\_\_  
nation.*

E. *When our Lord came into the world and came to Israel, he found  
that this treasure had been \_\_\_\_\_ to the world.*

1. *By that he indicated that the privilege of demonstrating the  
grace of God would be taken from Israel and given to the  
\_\_\_\_\_.*

F. *But the wonderful thing the Lord tells us here is that he has not  
given up his \_\_\_\_\_.*

1. *The life of this land, like that of any other land, is preserved  
by righteousness. That means \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Conclusion:** *And do you know that all this is not without its application to  
us as \_\_\_\_\_ as well?*

A. *For Israel, even in rejection, even in failure, is still an  
\_\_\_\_\_ to the people of the world.*

1. *This is why this nation is here. It is a \_\_\_\_\_  
example to all mankind of the way God deals with  
\_\_\_\_\_.*