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Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (NIV)

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

³¹ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.

³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

³³ He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."



The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.

⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net

⁴⁷ "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish.

⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away.

⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

"Yes," they replied.

⁵² He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11. 45b



"No matter your Knowledge, Power, Fame or Wealth, Tomorrow is always a Mystery" ~ Samuel Asumadu-Sarkodie

Romans 8:26-39 (NIV)

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

More Than Conquerors

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

³⁶ As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

My favourite parable for living a positive and influential life is the Golden Rule: 'Do unto others what you would have them do unto you.' ~ Tony Oller

CHURCH SERVICES

2 August 11am West Evelyn Keane



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for continued healing for all those who have recently spent time in hospital; Phyll Bylund, John Murray, Alan Littlejohns, Marg Crowell and Jenny Brown.
- We continue to pray for rain for our region, as dam levels are very low.
- We pray for people who are making decisions, and trying to prevent the spread of Covid19.
- We give thanks for the little things in life that we CAN enjoy in this period of semi-lockdown.

Meg's Musings

When we realise that God is "on our side", it can make a real difference to how we see life, and also to how we live life. It can also make the difference between feeling trapped by circumstances, and being challenged by them. Knowing that nothing can separate us from God's love, we can dare to live life in a very different way. Any barriers which divide us from God are put there, not by God, but by us. How do we do that? When we allow guilt, fear, anger or worry to blot God out - as the clouds block out the sun. When we hand those feelings over to God, the "clouds" disappear, and can experience God's love more fully.

Blessing from Meg

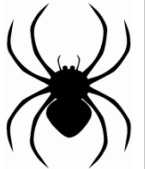


"She asks me to kill the spider.
Instead, I get the most
peaceful weapons I can find.
I take a cup and a napkin.

I catch the spider, put it outside
and allow it to walk away.

If I am ever caught in the wrong place
at the wrong time, just being alive
and not bothering anyone,

I hope I am greeted
with the same kind
of mercy."



~ Rudy Francisco

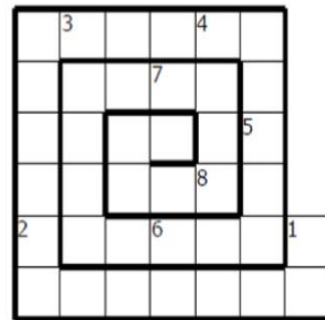
"Days are worth silver. Months are worth gold.
Years are worth diamonds. Eternity is priceless
treasure." ~ Matshona Dhliwayo

Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

Parables
of the
Kingdom



When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Matthew 13:46 (NIV)
Look at the numbered clues, determine the correct word, and write that word in the spiral puzzle. Each numbered square will begin a new word.



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| 1. Something of great value; gold, silver, or jewels, for example | 5. Gave something in exchange for money |
| 2. A small, shiny, hard ball that forms inside some oysters | 6. A territory or country ruled by a king or queen |
| 3. A feeling of great happiness | 7. An adult male human |
| 4. To put in a place where something cannot be seen or found (past tense) | 8. The worth of something in money |

"If you want to know how much you love God, check your Tolerance level regarding Race and Religion." ~ Samuel Asumadu-Sarkodie



26 July
Beulah Fenwick



The secret - don't grow old, no matter how long you live. ~ unknown

Sometimes
miracles are just
good people with
kind hearts that
God has sent
to you. Amen



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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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26 July ~ Sue Budden
27 July ~ Amity Debenham



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