



LESSON 23 - Parable of the Great Pearl

Watch carefully where I go so you will always know where to find this lesson.

I wonder if there could be a parable inside this box? It is the color gold. There must be something important inside. Parables are very important, so maybe there is one inside this box.

Parables are very old, and this box looks old. Perhaps there is an old parable inside.

Did you know that parables were given to you before you were born? This box looks kind of like a present. Parables are presents, so maybe there is a parable inside this box.

Look at this lid. Sometimes parables have a lid on them, like a door that is shut. The lid keeps you from going inside the parable. I don't know why. this sometimes happens even if you are ready, so don't be discouraged. Keep coming back to the parable, and one day it will open up for you.

I have an idea. Let's look inside this box and see if there is a parable there.

Look at this. It is something. I don't know if it is a parable or not. Well, at least we can see that it is very white. Everywhere there is anything, it is white.

I wonder what this could really be? Yes, it looks like a snowball. It is cold. I wonder what else it could be. Could it be the moon, I wonder? I wonder what this could really be?

I wonder what this could be? It is brown, but what could it really be in the parable?

Hmmm. This is strange. I wonder if they fit together?

Oh, this helps.

Let's see if there is anything more inside the box to help us.

No. There is nothing else. All we can do now is begin.



There was once someone who said such amazing things and did such wonderful things that people followed him. As they followed him, they heard him talking about the kingdom, but it was not the kingdom they lived in. It was not like any kingdom they had ever visited. It was not like any kingdom that they had ever even heard of.

They couldn't help it. They had to ask him what the kingdom of heaven was like. One time when they asked him, he said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a person who buys and sells fine pearls, a merchant, goes to search for the great pearl."

"When he found the great pearl, we went...."

".... and exchanged..."

"..... everything for the great pearl."

Wondering

I wonder if the person was happy with the great pearl?

I wonder what the merchant is going to do now?

I wonder why the seller was willing to give up something so precious?

I wonder if the seller was happy with all of his things?

I wonder if the seller has a name?

I wonder if the merchant has a name?

Now, I wonder what the great pearl could really be?

I wonder what could be so precious that a person would exchange everything for it?

I wonder if you have ever come close to the great pearl?

I wonder where this whole place could really be?



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Here is the great pearl.
Here are two other pearls..
Here are all the merchant's new things.
Here are the places.
Here is the seller, and
Here is the merchant.

Now watch carefully where I go, so you will always know where to get this parable.