

The Kingdom of Heaven/The Kingdom of God

²³ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

Matthew 19:23-24



*“Let us make man in our image”
“Let them have dominion”*

25 But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. 26 If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? 27 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. 28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Matthew 12:25-28

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love (Col. 1:13)

And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence (Col. 1:18)

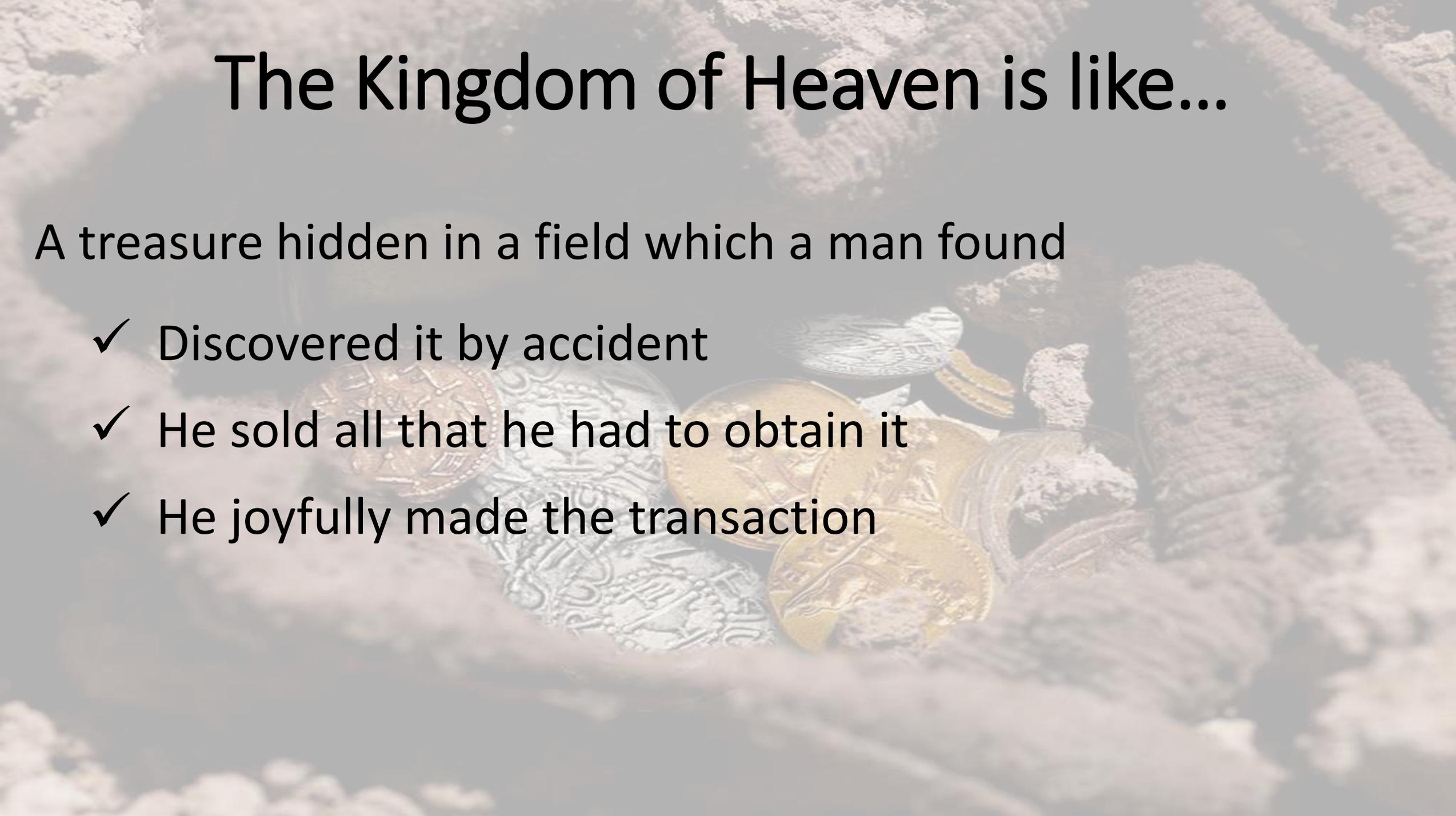
And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. (Daniel 2:44)

Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed. (Daniel 7:14)

The Kingdom of Heaven is like...

A treasure hidden in a field which a man found

- ✓ Discovered it by accident
- ✓ He sold all that he had to obtain it
- ✓ He joyfully made the transaction



The Kingdom of Heaven is like...

A merchant in search of fine pearls

- ✓ Discovered it by purposeful deliberation
- ✓ He sold all that he had to obtain it
- ✓ He started out looking for a plurality

“If we consider the unblushing promises of reward ... promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

C.S. Lewis: Weight of Glory

Why can't we understand that the kingdom of heaven is the deal of a lifetime?!