

# The Pearl of Great Price

This story describes a person with a different kind of work. He was a businessman, not someone who worked the land. His eyes were trained to find small flaws and wonderful features in precious pearls.

“I spend all day observing pearls, always looking for the best ones.”

The wrinkles in his eyes and on his forehead showed that he had been doing this work for many years. But his eyes were still very effective in finding beauty in the perfect pearls. One day, while searching in a container full of pearls, he saw it! A pearl so bright and beautiful that even this man, who had seen several thousand of them, could not believe what he was seeing.

“This was it! The most beautiful and incredible pearl I had ever seen!”

He knew its value, and he was willing to do anything to buy it. So, he went and sold absolutely everything he had. Then he ran back and bought the pearl.

(This story is based on  
Matthew 13:45-46.)



**What differences exist between these two parables?**

**How are they similar?**

**Why do you think Jesus compared the Kingdom of God to the treasure and the pearl?**

**What do these stories tell us about ourselves, as the children of God?**