

## **The map to find hidden treasure hunt on the Ground.**

In Matthew 13:44, Jesus said a parable of the Hidden Treasure “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

I want to share with you about what is the purpose of the Parables. “A parable is a story that tries to explain a concept or lesson to the listeners using things or actions that the listener can easily identify with. Jesus frequently used parables and sometimes the parables were given to hide the meaning from the self-righteous but reveal them to those who want to obey God.”

### **Detail Functions of The Parables**

The parables of Jesus in his teachings and preaching have two functions. First, Jesus wanted to reveal the secrets and revelations of the kingdom of God to those who were ready to receive them. The essential function of a parable is a story detailing the blessings of the kingdom of God. Jesus was using parables like treasure maps to show people how to find treasures that God has hidden in His Word.

The other purpose was to seal the secrets of the Kingdom of heaven from unworthy people who are not ready to have the blessing of the Kingdom of heaven. For example, when Jesus told disciples in parables about a farmer who went out to sow his seed in his field. Some fell along the path, some fell on rocky places, and some of them fell among thorns. After that, disciples of him came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?” He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the Kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them (Matthew 13:10-11).

Jesus’ original intention is to give Christians the full understanding and knowledge about God’s unchanging plan for us through the parable in the Bible.

### **Treasure Hunting in the Land of Promise**

Some people literally use the word of God in the Bible as their treasure map to find gas and oil. Texas-based energy company Zion Oil and Gas has searched for oil in the Holy Land for a decade. They use the Bible as their map to search for oil and gas. Deuteronomy 33:24, Moses blessed a tribe of Asher; he said: “let him be favored by his brothers, and let him bathe his feet in oil.” Through this Bible verse, they decide where to drill. In 2009, the company finally discovered the world’s largest gas. The government estimates that it will be worth tens of billions of dollars.

### **Main Arguments**

The main argument of this article is this. The story of the Bible reveals to us the secrets of the treasure of God. In order to become a person who fully understands the hidden revelation of God, you and I should pay attention to what is the secret in the Bible.

Do you know where God's hidden spiritual treasures and revelations are? I ask you to start your journey to find the marvelous treasure that Jesus buried in the Bible. In the season of Lent in 2023, we should dig up the word of God to find the hidden treasure of God. "Come and dig up the knowledge of God, there is a spiritual bonanza in the Bible, and it is a gold mine for Christians.

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