

*Matthew 13:45-46 KJV*

*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: [46] Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.*

The first and Principal merchant man is our Lord Jesus. He was looking for goodly pearls. Firstly, a pearl is a jewel of high value. The scripture then emphasized that these were not ordinary pearls, but goodly pearls. He found a pearl of great price; this means this pearl was the best of the best.

When He found this pearl, He sold all he had. Being a merchant, He would have some money on him. However, when he saw this pearl, he realized that the money on hand was not enough. He went in and sold everything he had for this.

The fact that he was looking for the pearl means it was hidden. When the Lord Jesus came to the earth, it was filled with darkness. However, the eyes of the pure can see beyond what the ordinary can see. The structure itself was not good, but the eye of excellence, of the Spirit and of wisdom can see what is not obvious.

Jesus saw the church through the eye of the Spirit, and it was of a great price. The church is very valuable, and its price is very high. Jesus sold everything. In the old covenant, one man went into Egypt, Moses, and an entire empire fell. Imagine what would happen with 5 men of such a kind? Creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. When they are ready, the entire earth will be on their knees.

We need to know what we are called into. In your walk with the Lord, what are you seeking? Do you know why you were saved? Do you know what you are called into? Some people spend their life seeking to become millionaires, some seek to simply escape hell. These goals are pearls, but not goodly pearls. What is your goodly pearl? What would you sell everything for?

The Lord is looking for people who will be like Him. If this is your goal or your goodly pearl, what do you do? Sell all that you have. Yet, it is easier said than done. What is driving you? What are you seeing? How much are you willing to pay? If being like Jesus is your goodly

pearl, it will affect every area of your life. The first step is to see this pearl. This makes the difference between two Christians, two who have left the systems of men to follow the Lord.

God is not just satisfied with healing the spirit of man alone. He seeks to heal Spirit, soul, and body. A lot of Christians give so much money and time because they want to get more material things or healings. This is a short-sided and not a wholistic view of God.

The Christians in Antioch did not call themselves Christians, they were either called that as a mockery or because others observed them. These people acted like Jesus. What Made Jesus different from any other man was not his virgin birth, but because He had the life of God, and He knew it. He never had an opinion of Himself. He did the will of the Father always. We become truly Spiritual when we serve God first and through His Spirit. If we do spiritual service and it is hard, it is because we have not gotten to the place where the Spirit of God has taken over. Isaiah 40:28.

*Isaiah 40:28-31 KJV*

*Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. [29] He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. [30] Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: [31] But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

It is the adverse wind that hinder other birds that energizes the eagle. This means it is the temptation, fears that cause people to be cast down that energizes the man walking in the Spirit.

The Lord will have each one of us ask ourselves what the pearl of great price is, in our lives. Everyone God called, had this question brought before them. For Abraham, the pearl of great price was the land God promised Him. God told Abraham that he would give him a land to occupy and make him a Father of many nations. These very things became the means of trying him. First, Abraham left his home for a land he did not know. Why did he have to do

that? Abraham did not call himself. The land was occupied, even though it was his reward, Genesis 12.

God promised that he will be a father. Yet for many years Abraham had no child. After years went by, Abraham may have begun wondering how this would happen when his wife, Sarah suggested that he slept with Hagar. He went with Sarah's suggestion and had Ishmael, Genesis 16. The interesting thing is that Ishmael was named by God, not his parents. This means that though God has given you a go ahead, it doesn't mean a matter really has God's approval.

Abraham lived with this child and then the promised child came. It was clear who the promised child was and so he sent the bond woman and her son away, Genesis 21. Abraham lived with this promised child, Isaac, for 17 years and this child became an idol. God again tested Abraham and asked him to sacrifice this promise child, Genesis 22.

If you consider the request, you may wonder if Abraham heard God. God had clearly said this child would be the one through whom Abraham will father all nations. How then would he kill him? Abraham overcame that, knowing that it was God who spoke. However, he needed courage to fulfil the request. Abraham knew that the child was not the promise or the pearl of great price. God was the great price. Abraham looked for a city whose builder and maker was God, Hebrews 11:8-10.

All that God will give us will be tried and tested. Everything in us. It was spoken of Joseph that the Word of God tried him, Psalm 105:17-19.

Christ formed in us is being truly spiritual. There can be backbiting and evil speaking in a church, yet spiritual gifts like in the case of the Corinthian church. These had a pearl, the spiritual gifts, but not a pearl of great price. The call and burden is this: as we go along in life, we must evaluate what is driving us. Whatever demand it brings upon us we must be willing to take it.

The children of Israel were crying for deliverance. It is when they started crying that God started preparing his deliverer and afterwards, He sent Moses. God's plan is that you will be a deliverer to many.

Coming to a place of stature was similar to when the deliverer, Moses, was ready to deliver Israel. Elijah was in his room and hearing all that the Syrians did in their room. He leaked their information to the Israelites. This king then thought it wise to capture Elijah who could pretty much read his mind. It was a man of little stature who did not know the power of God, that was afraid of the King of Syria, 2 Kings 6.

There is nothing too great to let go for the Kingdom. Everyone who is called, like Jesus will go through gethsemane and they will understand that God is worth dying for. The reason why many will fear to die for the Lord is that they do not know God.

*Job 42:5 KJV*

*I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.*

The knowledge of God is in levels, John 1:51. This is why Jesus referred to Himself as the ladder Jacob saw that went to heaven, Genesis 28:12. The higher you go, the deeper you see. 2 Chronicles 18:21-22 shows the difference between prophets who did not know God and Micaiah who knew his God.

We may know that God is our great reward, but we may not realize that until we come through processes that solidify these truths in us. What counts is that God is revealing His life in us and whatever processes that bring these revelations are worth it.

In summary, the Lord said "tell my people about the Pearl of great price. Let them know that my Son, Jesus, saw a pearl of great price and sold everything to buy it. They are being called to sonship. Let them know that they are to sell everything to get it. This pearl of great price is not just any material thing they receive from Me, but My very life. It is the fullness of the Christ appearing in them".

There is grace today to take you to higher realms. God is able to do the impossible. Are you willing to pay the price to inherit Him? Your inheritance is not to go to heaven, or anything on earth. God is your inheritance.

*The Grace of the Lord Jesus be with your spirit.*