

The Parable of the Pearl

Mike Southern
November, 2014

It was a busy marketplace
filled with shoppers —
families buying food,
merchants seeking bargains,
servants running errands,
and visitors purchasing souvenirs.

It was a busy marketplace
where you could buy almost anything—
expensive clothing,
carved furniture,
exotic pets,
and colorful jewelry.

One man walked calmly among the shoppers.
He hardly seemed to notice the people
or the merchandise.

Only one thing interested him—PEARLS!
He was an expert when it came to pearls
and he made his living by
searching for rare pearls,
buying them for a good price,
selling them for a better price...
and keeping the best for himself.

He searched the market until he found
another pearl merchant.
They smiled, they talked,
and finally the merchant showed him
the pearls he had for sell.

Most of them were nice pearls
but he had seen better.

He was about to go...
but then he saw IT.

He had never seen a pearl
so beautiful, so perfect.

He had to have it!

So the two of them bargained back and forth
until they made a deal.

It took all the money he could lay his hands on
but he bought that one perfect pearl.

He had searched for it his whole life.

Now it belonged to him...

and he NEVER sold it to anyone else.

The Parable of the Pearl is recorded only in Matthew 13:45-46.
But most people understand it as a picture of God's love for us.