

# **The figurative treasure Chasing the right kind of riches**

**For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. Immediately the**

**one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more. But he who received the one talent went away, and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.**

## **Mt 25:14-18**

**Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, "Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good**

**and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, “Master, you entrusted two talents to me.**

**See, I have gained two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”**

## **Mt 25:19-23**

**And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, “Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. And I was afraid, and went away**

**and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.” But his master answered and said to him, “You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed. Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”**

**Mt 25:24-30**

Master



+5 more

Jesus

5 talents





+0 more

1 talent

+2 more

2 talents

**And Jesus said to His disciples,  
“Truly I say to you, it is hard for a  
rich man to enter the kingdom of  
heaven. 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.”**

**Mt 19:23-24**

**God's dwelling was full of gold**

- God's tabernacle was full of gold: a golden ark of the covenant (Ex 25:10-19), a golden



table for the consecrated bread and all its golden vessels (Ex 25:23-30), and the golden lampstand (Ex 25:31-40).

- Even the priest's ephod and its 12 precious stones were also set in gold (Ex 28:15-21).





**Figurative treasure**

- Treasure (gold, silver, jewels) are precious because they are rare and can be used to get the things we want.
- In a world full of Satan's lies, **God's word of truth & those who can share it** are the most precious treasures because through them we can obtain heaven and eternal life!
- *The words of the Lord are **pure words; as silver** tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times. (Ps 12:6)*
- *There is gold, and an abundance of jewels; but the **lips of knowledge are a more precious thing.***



*(Prv 20:15)*

**My son, if you will receive my words and treasure my commandments within you, make your ear attentive to wisdom, incline your heart to understanding; for**

**if you cry for discernment, lift your voice for understanding; if you seek her as silver and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will discern the fear of the Lord and discover the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and**

# understanding.

## Prv 2:1-6

### Hidden Treasure

Man's teachings

False value

### Discovered Treasure

Revealed Word

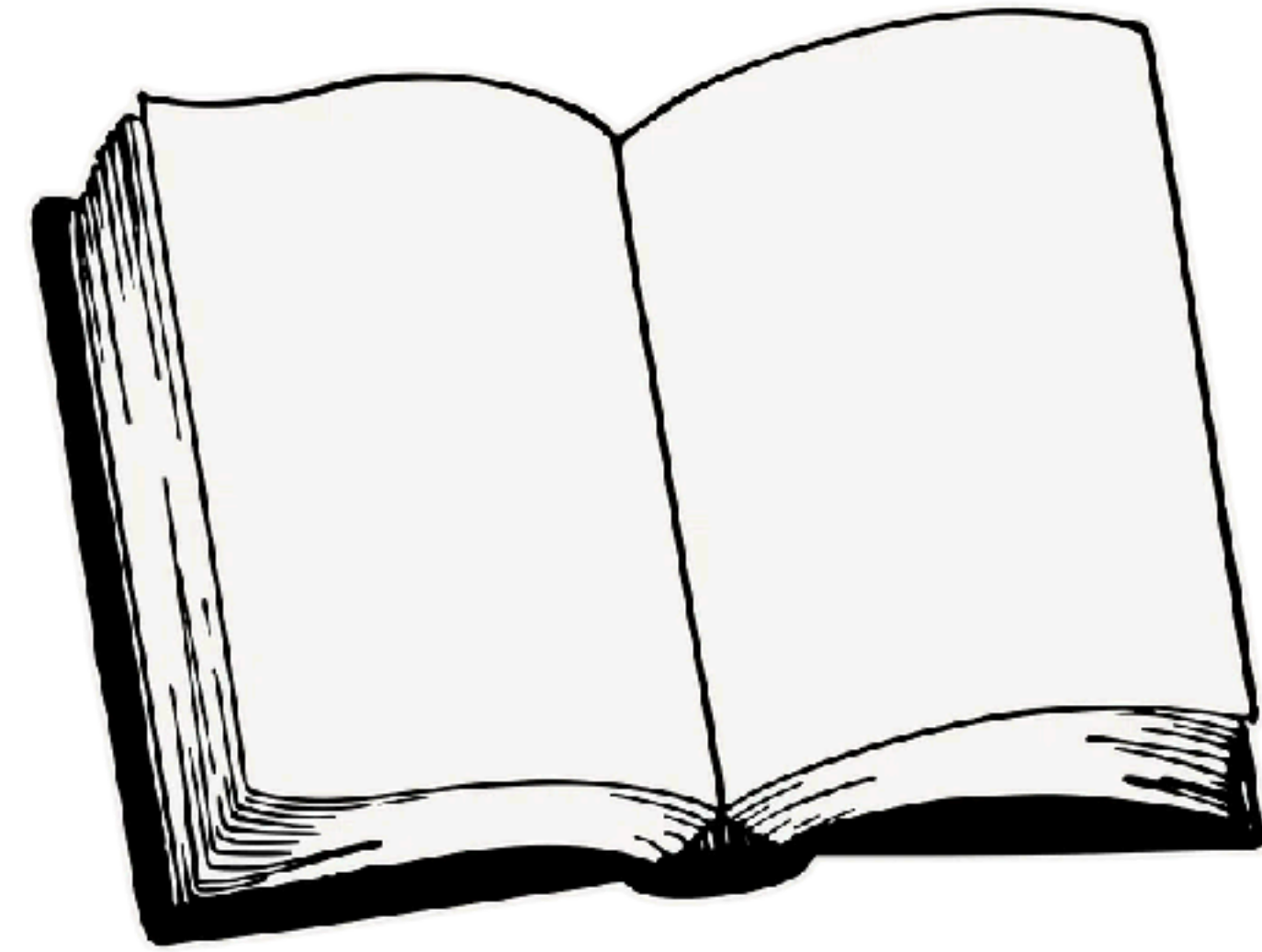
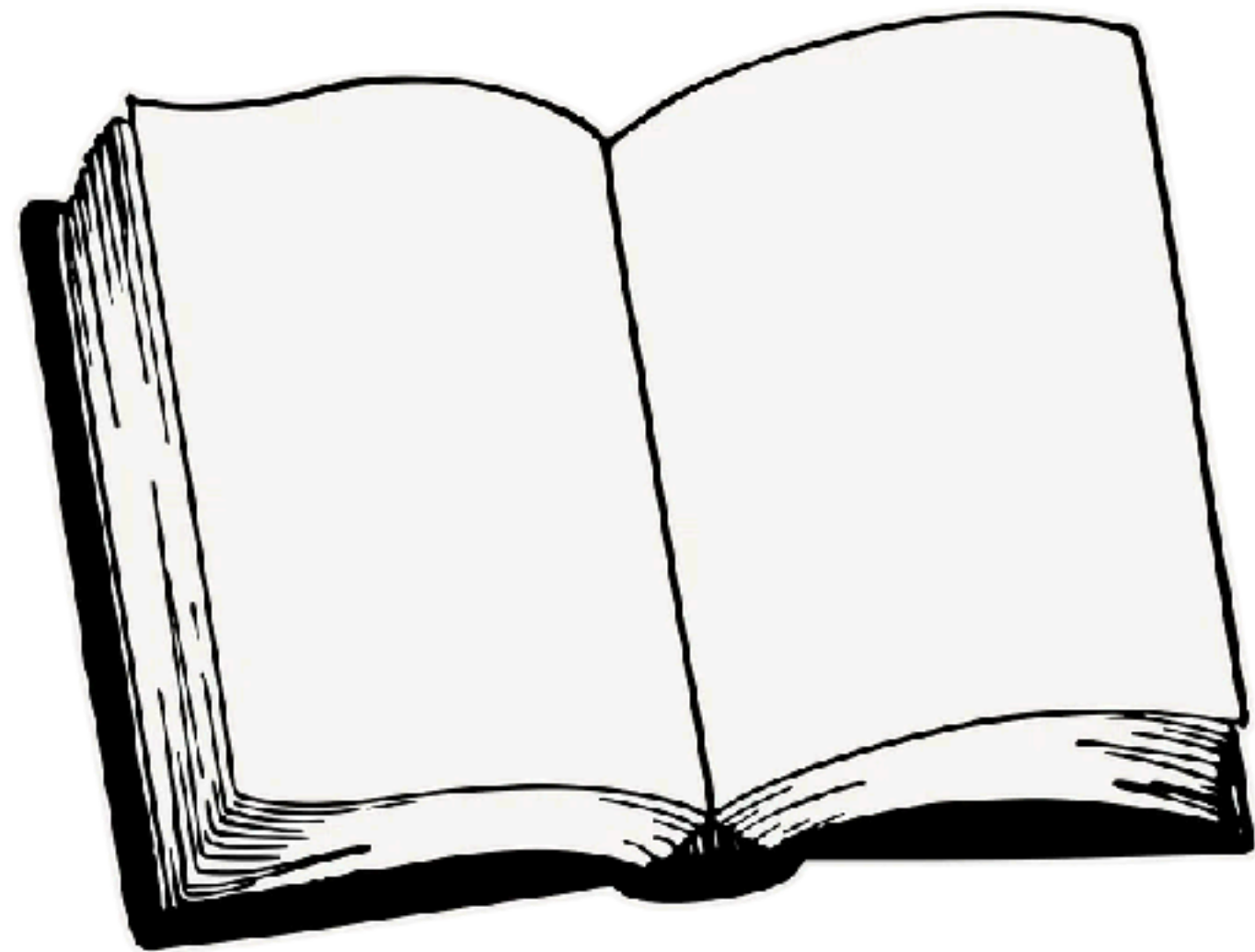
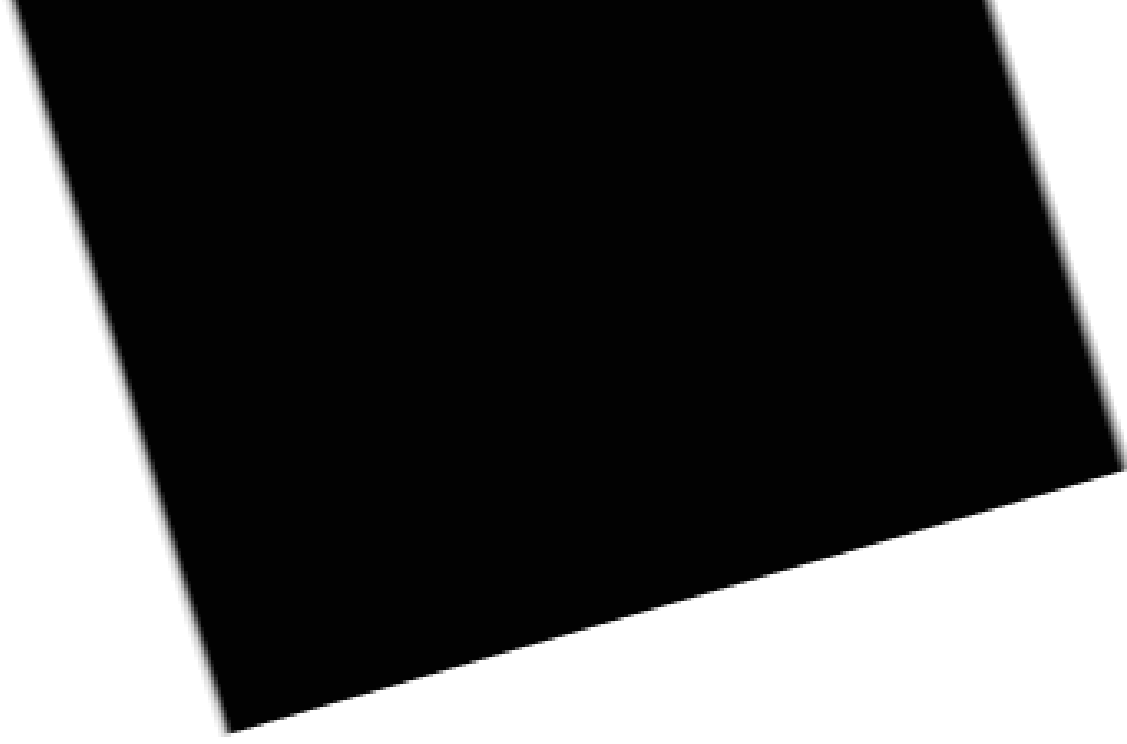
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True value

### Shared Treasure

Lam 4:1-2

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Ignorance

Understanding

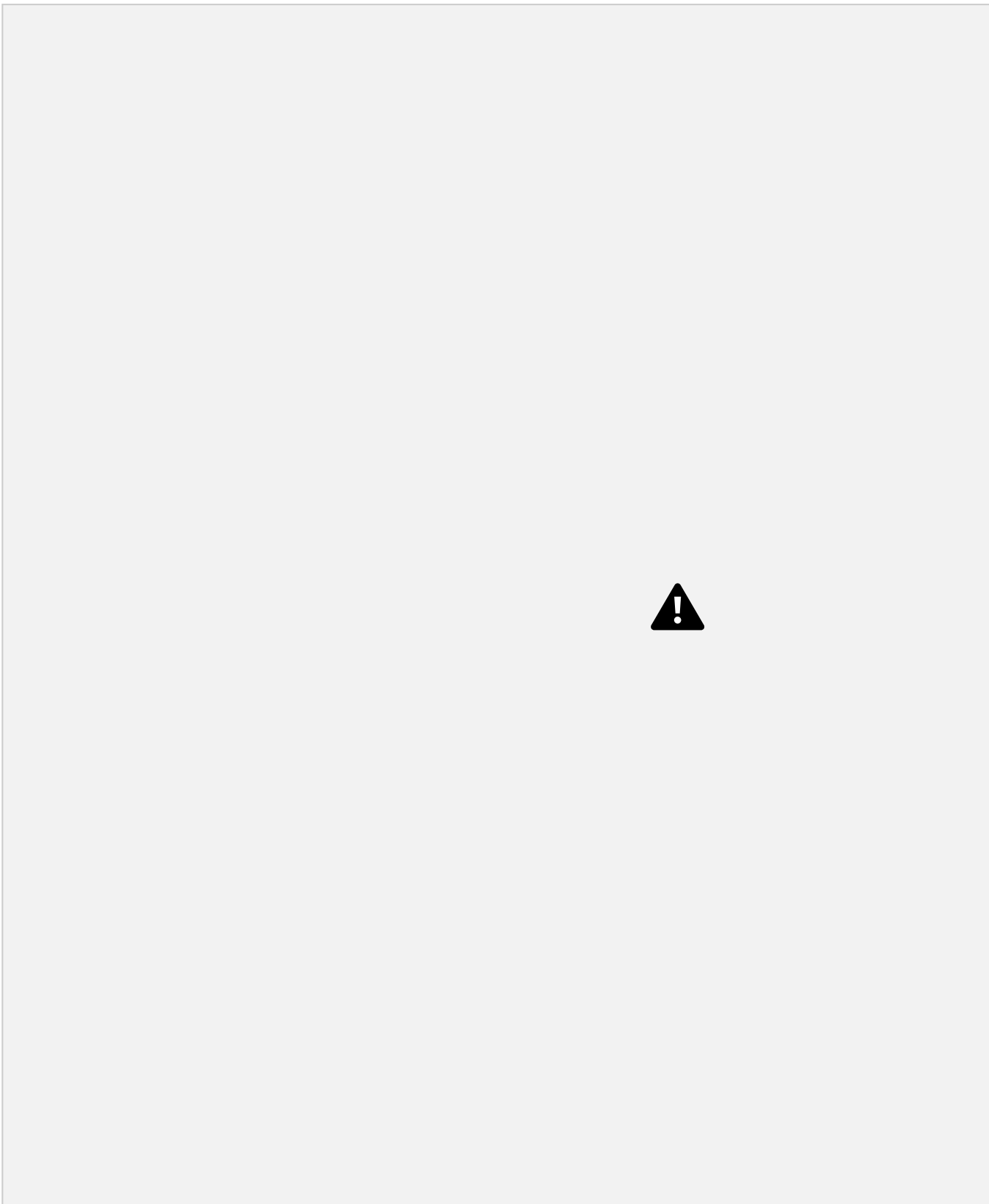
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# God's gold at the time of the 1st coming

True treasure

False treasure





Ignorance

lampstand Holy Place

Jesus

Golden Ark of Covenant

Most Holy Place

John the Baptist Golden

# Building God's golden house at the 1st coming

*wisdom and knowledge.* (Col

- *... that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of* God dwelling/temple for the 2:2-3)
- Jesus was the true dwelling/temple for the



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spirit of God (Mt 3:16, Jn 2:19-21). Jesus

# **Building God's golden house at the 1st coming**

John Peter James

- As our true high priest (Heb 3:1), Jesus presented himself as a sacrifice for the sake of a new kingdom, a new "12 tribes" led by his disciples (Mt 19:28, Jas 1:1).
  - By accepting
- his revealed word new kingdom of God with Jesus as the chief cornerstone (Eph 2:20-22). (1 Pt 2:4-5) in the foundation of a
- Matthias  
Jesus  
Andrew Thaddeus Philip  
Thomas James  
Matthew  
Bartholomew Simon

**In My Father's house are many**

**dwelling places; if it were not so, I  
would have told you; for I go to  
prepare a place for you. If  
I go and prepare a place for you, I  
will come again and receive you to  
Myself, that where I am, there you  
may be also.**

**Jn 14:2-3**

# Preparing the holy city New Jerusalem in heaven

- *And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a **very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper.** It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west. And the wall of the city had **twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve***

*apostles of the Lamb. (Rv 21:10-14)*

# Preparing the holy city New Jerusalem in heaven

- *The material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single*

*pearl. And the **street of the city was pure gold,**  
like transparent glass. (Rv 21:18-21)*

## **God and His holy city will come and dwell in His people**

- *And I saw the **holy city, new Jerusalem,**  
**coming down out of heaven from God, made**  
**ready as a bride adorned for her husband.**  
And I heard a loud voice from the throne,  
saying, “Behold, the **tabernacle of God is**  
**among men, and He will dwell among them,**  
**and they shall be His people, and God**  
**Himself will be among them, and He will wipe**  
**away every tear from their eyes; and there**  
**will no longer be any death; there will no***

*longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain;  
the first things have passed away.” (Rv 21:2-4)*

# Discovering the hidden treasure of the

**Kingdom** • *The kingdom*

*of heaven is like a*

*treasure hidden in the field,  
which*

*a man found and hid again;  
and*

*from joy over it he goes and  
sells*

*all that he has and buys that  
field.*



*“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking **fine pearls**, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and **sold all that he had and bought it.**”  
(Mt 13:44-46)*

## **Discovering the hidden treasure of the Kingdom**

Man’s teachings  
Satan’s gold, false value

KoH→finding hidden treasure (Mt 13:44-46)

Sell all you have & Open Book



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Buy gold refined by fire and

Ignorance

Jesus's messenger  
who eats the open  
book

become rich!

(Rv 3:17-18)

**Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you**

**are wretched and miserable  
and poor and blind and naked, I advise you to  
buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you  
may become rich, and white garments so that  
you may clothe yourself, and that the shame  
of your nakedness will not be revealed; and  
eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you  
may see.**

**Rv 3:17-18**

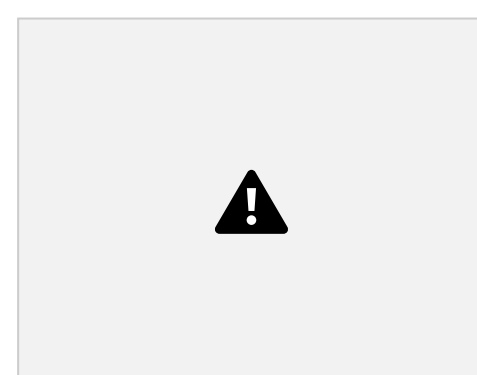
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**But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into**

**ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.**

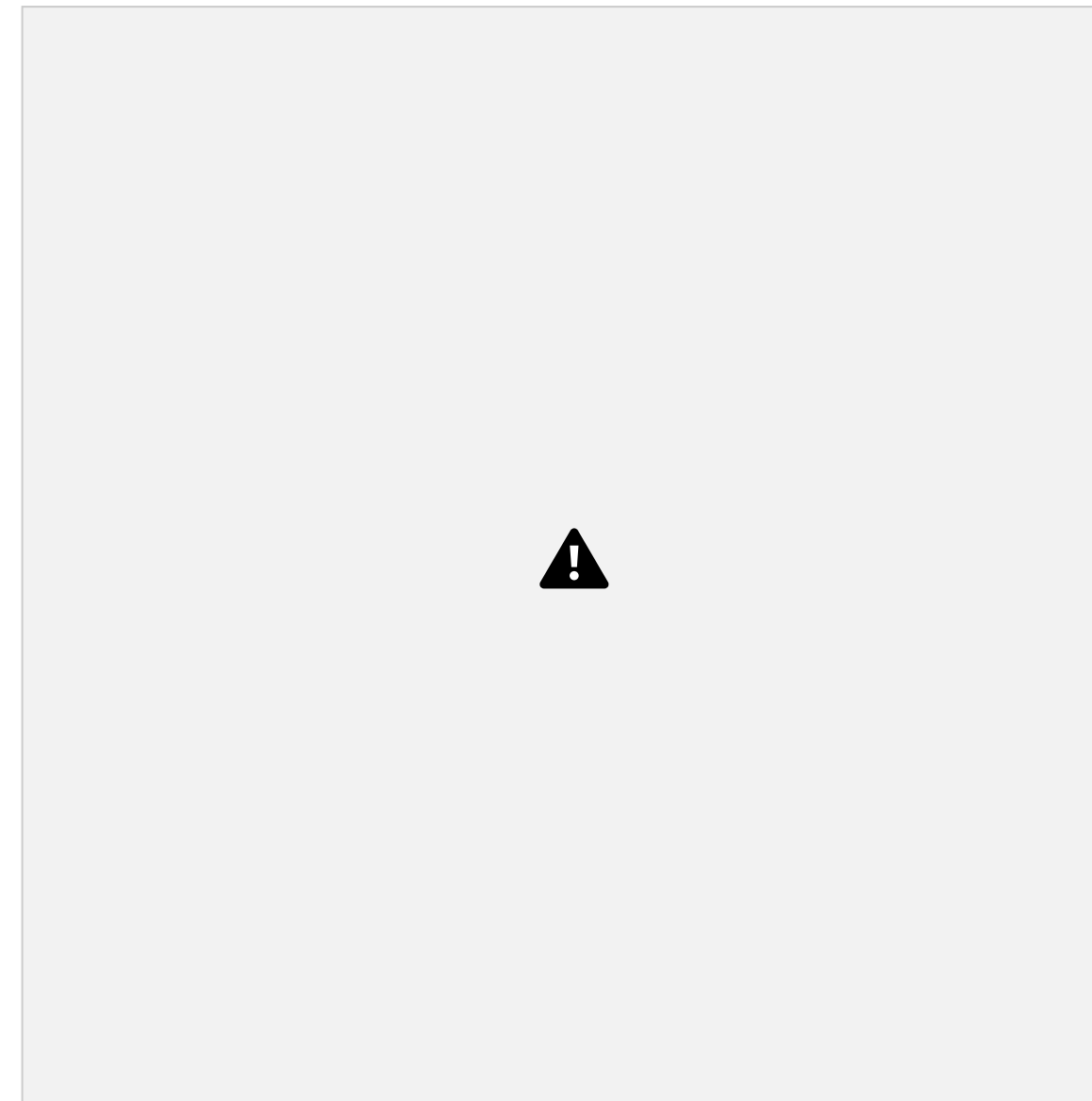
**1 Tm 6:6-10**

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# conclusion

- Because God knows how much we love treasure, He urged us to seek the real treasure of His Word and those who have it. Why are they so precious? Because they can restore us to God and life.
- God's will is that we put His word in our hearts and become His precious golden kingdom of heaven on earth to which the holy city in the spiritual world can come and unite.
- We must humble ourselves and be willing to let go of Satan's gold to become rich with



God's gold.

Let's pray

