

THE KINGDOM: WEDNESDAY, 28 JULY, 2021, WEEK 17, YEAR I

EXODUS 34:29-35; PSALM 99; MATTHEW 13:44-46

In the Gospel of today, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a treasure that a man found in a field, he sells everything he owns and buys the field.

There are many ways that this parable has been interpreted but I like to see this man as pointing to Jesus. He gave up everything for you and me to have a place in God's kingdom.

We are the pearls of great value that He gave up His life to buy.

Each one of us through the sacrifice of Jesus is an heir to the kingdom, we have a place in God's kingdom, through the blood of Jesus, we have our names registered in the kingdom. In that kingdom, we shall see God face to face. Like Moses, we shall be with God and reflect His glory, we shall be transformed more into His likeness. We shall shine and radiate the splendour of sons and daughters of God.

In fact, it is for that kingdom that we are made, it is only in that kingdom that our souls can rest in peace, a soul that doesn't end in that kingdom can not have a rest of peace. This is why Jesus says seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33).

The question is "How well are we seeking this kingdom? How do we value it? Are we also ready to give up everything and anything for the kingdom?"

The greatest thing the devil wants to steal from us is the kingdom, it is the greatest inheritance of a child of God.

Shall we be like Cain who didn't value his birthright and gave it for a pot of stew or shall we be like Naboth the Jezreelite who told Ahab, my inheritance is not for sale?