

Using the Reviewers' Guide—Scripture for Exercise

Matthew 13:44-46 1599 Geneva Bible

⁴⁴ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hid in the field, which when a man hath found, he hideth it, and for joy thereof departeth, and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like to a merchant man that seeketh good pearls,

⁴⁶ Who having found a pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Romans 9:30-33 1599 Geneva Bible

³⁰ What shall we say then? That the Gentiles which followed not righteousness, have attained unto righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.

³¹ But Israel which followed the Law of righteousness, could not attain unto the Law of righteousness.

³² Wherefore? Because *they sought it* not by faith, but as *it were* by the works of the Law: for they have stumbled at the stumbling stone,

³³ As it is written, Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone, and a rock to make men fall: and everyone that believeth in him, shall not be ashamed.

Matthew 13:44-46 The Passion Translation

⁴⁴“Heaven’s kingdom realm can be illustrated like this:

“A person discovered that there was hidden treasure in a field. Upon finding it, he hid it again.

Because of uncovering such treasure, he was overjoyed and sold all that he possessed to buy the entire field just so he could have the treasure.

⁴⁵“Heaven’s kingdom realm is also like a jewel merchant in search of rare pearls. ⁴⁶When he discovered one very precious and exquisite pearl, he immediately gave up all he had in exchange for it.”

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Romans 9:30-33 The Passion Translation (TPT)

³⁰So then, what does all this mean? Here’s the irony: The non-Jewish people, who weren’t even pursuing righteousness, were the ones who seized it—a perfect righteousness that is transferred by faith. ³¹Yet Israel, even though pursuing a legal righteousness, did not attain to it. ³²And why was that? Because they did not pursue the path of faith but insisted on pursuing righteousness by works, as if it could be seized another way. They were offended by the means of obtaining it and stumbled over the stumbling stone, ³³just as it is written:

“Be careful! I am setting in Zion a stone
that will cause people to stumble,
a rock of offense that will make them fall,
but believers in him will not experience shame.”

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