

The Pearl of Great Price

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Jesus Christ is the pearl of great price who can fulfill our need for meaning and satisfaction by giving us His love and joy.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker shares their personal journey of searching for happiness and fulfillment. They traveled around the world, visited Christian institutions, but found very few happy people. However, their perspective changed when they read Mother Basilia's autobiography and discovered the secret to true happiness: love for Jesus. They realized that their previous attempts to please God through good works were not enough. The speaker emphasizes that Jesus is the only one who can fulfill our deepest needs and bring us complete satisfaction. They encourage listeners to come to Jesus and experience his love and joy.

Transcript

God lives and works today. We all have a need in our lives, a need for something meaningful that will bring us complete satisfaction. There is only one thing, one person, who can completely fulfill this need.

It is Jesus Christ. After one of our retreats here on Canaan, a young woman from India wrote to us how she had found this precious pearl, as we will hear in today's meditation. People used to congratulate me for my Christian service.

This made me feel ashamed of myself, for I knew that everything was not quite right in my life. I was not happy. I felt like a hypocrite.

I tried approaching some religious leaders for help. Most of them could explain in a theoretical way the divine happiness of heaven, but they could not show me how to be happy here, now on earth. I thought to myself, if I cannot be happy here in this world now, how can I be sure of having a happy life in heaven? This question caused me many sleepless nights.

Then the search started. I spent all my savings and bought a ticket to travel around the world. During my journey, I visited some Christian institutions, but in all the places I visited, I found very few people who

actually looked happy.

On my way back to India, I decided at the last minute to stop and visit Canaan. When I was shown to my room, I noticed some books lying on the table. I picked one up and started to read it.

It happened to be Mother Basílía's autobiography. This book opened my eyes. Through it, I found the pearl of great price for which I had been searching.

As Mother Basílía discovered in her life, it is love for Jesus that makes a person happy. In my ministry in India, I had been trying all the time to please God by doing some good works. To me, God has been a hard taskmaster, but now I see everything in a different light.

I have found the pearl of great price. And what is the secret of finding this pearl? We read it in Matthew 13, verses 45 and 46. A merchant in search of fine pearls, who on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

This pearl is available for all who will love Jesus with their first love. He is waiting for you to come to him today. Will you do it? If you do, you will experience that he will give you himself, his love and his joy.

Jesus is love everlasting, he came to us below, that God to all his children a selfless love might show. Eternal love is still waiting and pleads with every heart. Oh, won't you hear and answer? I cannot bear to part.

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