

## Essay from the bold pastor

### #271 - Wedding Ring Search at a Sanitation facility -

"I lost my wedding rings! One Monday morning at the year end, a Long Island woman Colleen in New York state was in panic after finding out that she had lost her wedding rings, which then she has been wearing for two decades. She unknowingly swept her rings into a garbage can while she was cooking. The garbage has been collected, and she and her husband chased down the truck and to the sanitation facility.

She tearfully begged Jeremy, the facility worker not to process the garbage until finding the wedding rings, and she started going into a truck full of garbage with stench of odor collected from all over the town.

Jeremy and seven other workers joined the couple, and after 4 hours of daunting search with dimming light of hope, she finally found the trash bag that once belonged to her. "Let's look for it through once more" said Kim the facility worker to encourage Colleen who now is saddened hopelessly. But after finding them hidden between wet cereals, one cried out loud saying "I've found it!" The ten hugged with joy. I find this episode being identical to the parable of the hidden treasure taught by Jesus.

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field." Matthew 13:44

Just as this scripture teaches us, one who genuinely believed the "Gospel of Jesus the Treasure" will be given an ability to walk through life with longing desire for God and heaven in steadfast manner, but to whom does not have the trust in Gospel will not be able to endure through the walk, but loses hope. But more importantly, this points to Jesus going into the stench filled world, and he saves valuable being by nature, while risking Himself being put upon the cross. Just like those tons of trash being incinerated, Jesus will take the ones who did not believe in Him and burn as unworthy (**versus 45-50**). Let us worship Christ.

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