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“LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST.” — JOHN 4:35

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## Hidden Treasure

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"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field." Matt. 13:44

Good morning, friends. I hope today finds you well and encouraged in the work of the Lord. I hope, too, that you will keep your radio tuned to this broadcast for the next few moments. It might be worth more to you than doing a lot of other things you could think of. Let me ask you this question: As a child, did you ever hear that old expression, at the end of the rainbow there is a pot of gold? Do you suppose people said that because they knew how hard it was to really find the end of a rainbow? You know, you can see a rainbow and you can think you can tell where the end of it is, but it seems by the time you get to where you thought it was, it was not there, it has moved on. That is somewhat like the expression, "the grass is greener on the other side of the fence." But did you know that some folks are never satisfied with what they can gain and accumulate in this world, be that diamonds, pearls, or gold. It never seems to quite satisfy.

And speaking of hidden treasure, this was something very customary for folks to do back in early days. I don't know how many but maybe there are some that still do this, hide their treasure in the earth. But back in those days when there was danger of thieves and

robbers it was not at all unusual for a man to go and dig a hole in the ground somewhere. In there he would put his gold, silver, valuable possessions. They considered it a safe place I suppose, to hide these valuables. But sometimes the place where they were hidden was forgotten, or death might claim the owner. At other times imprisonment or exile might separate this man from his treasure and the wealth he had taken such pains to preserve was left for some fortunate finder, or maybe never discovered.

So there would be this farmer, with the old team of oxen plowing in the soil and he would discover the buried treasure. Don't you know he would be a happy man and glad that he had been out there plowing. But on the other hand, don't you suppose that some people might sit down right at the foot of a tree and not know that the hidden riches were buried at its roots? Well, really it was that way, figuratively speaking, with the Jews. Christ came and they didn't recognize him as being the one in which were hidden the treasures of God. The Jews had the Word of God in their hands, but the truth was hidden from them. Their eyes were blinded. Really, the treasure-house

