

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordination Time

Line in OT: God is jealous God. What think?

- Bothered, jealousy is sin, destructive, insecurity. How attribute to God?
- Scholars, try to helpful, sanitize Word of God – expression of primitive faith, didn't really know God yet, thought like other pagan gods, grow out of
- Some truth. Deeper. Set aside negative, sinful elements of jealous
 - Some truth God trying to express, “primitive” way?
 - Put it this way – What mean to you, says: God is jealous for you.
 - What kind of love? Real. Passionate. Wants to be loved in return.
 - God is jealous – God wants you, cares whether you love in return.

Parables, treasure, pearl – paint picture, God jealous for you. Dive in.

- Two ways reading: God is treasure, we seek; We are treasure, God seeks.

God is treasure – faith – knowing Js. What say about us? God?

1. We are seeking. Hearts/world history. True?
 - a. Article NYT: less church, more ghosts, ufos.
 - i. Something is us wants to believe – truth, meaning, hope, heaven
 - ii. Try to find lots of places – church, ufos, love, success...
2. Search. Eventually find. Answer, fulfillment – God
3. Find answer/treasure. Make it our own, cost. Everything.
 - a. Both: Sells all he has...
 - b. Why? Everything? So high?
 - i. Believe discovered God, come to know, asks to follow
 - ii. Can't follow halfway – no sense say: God, made me, love me, know everything, BUT don't trust this part what you said (I know better), don't give this part my life to you.
 - c. Know easy to hold back. All do in part, giving everything lifelong
 - d. Try live faith consistently, touches everything – change everything

One reading: God is treasure, worth giving everything. Ask, what hold back? Why

- BUT can't be only message.
 - If all, not God want to follow. Hides, if find him, write bigger cheque ever honour.
- Second way to read: we are treasure. God seeks.
 - That is reality of faith – God not hiding, waiting to discover, Comes after us
 - Think lost sheep, Good Samaritan, live of Js

- Great message Xnity – God seeks us out. His initiative
 - Means to have a jealous God
- Second way of reading shows: Reason God ask everything of us, given everything for us.

Second read of parable. We are treasure, God seeker. Retell...