Pearls of Wisdom & Truth

Nature's pearls are mentioned in several passages in the Bible. In this study of scripture, I now appreciate these gems in an expansive new light and have gained insight for both their rare value in this physical world coupled with their glorious use in the heavenly realm.

Job 28:14-20 & 28: The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me.15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof. 16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold. 18 No mention shall be made of coral, or of <u>pearls</u>: for the price of wisdom is above rubies. 19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold. 20 Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding? 28 And unto man he said, behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

There is a myth that elevates pearls as symbolic of wisdom gained through life experience but how precious can a pearl become?

Named the "Queen of Gems," natural, not cultured pearls, long before recorded history were considered the rarest gem. Today natural pearls are almost entirely depleted, found very infrequently. The scarcity of these natural beauties is reflected in the prices they fetch at auction. Last year a pair of natural pearl earrings, which once belonged to Napoleon Bonaparte's wife, set a world record when sold for \$3.3 million.

If pearls are the most valuable sought after gem, then wouldn't wisdom, the understanding of what is true, right, and lasting, be much more precious? Actually biblical scripture elevates and validates the value of wisdom in living a righteous life. Wisdom is part of the most amazing instruction book written by our Creator, containing His prophetic message of truth and necessary requirements to live a life worthy to receive eternal life with Him. In today's terms "pearls of wisdom," detailed in the Book of Proverbs, instructs us to avoid the pitfalls of disobedience. Such instruction is of priceless value, far exceeding any actual pearl.

How precious are we as human beings to the Creator?

The Bible teaches us how to worship Yah by loving Him with all our heart, mind, strength and soul and to love our neighbor as we do our self. So many walking the earth don't realize what is missing in their lives. Only our Creator has the capacity to fulfill the deepest longing within each of us, which ultimately is a spiritual relationship with Yah who desires and deserves our love. He longs to fulfill our spiritual hunger but there are requirements on our part: obedience to His Word along with our undying love.

Heb 4:12-16: For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do. 14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Remember, love is an action word powered by zeal and is to be enveloped in His truth by our keeping His commandments. His Holy Spirit leads us into all truth and we are to walk contrary to this present world. Our goal is to imitate Christ each step, in obedience to Yah, even unto death.

1 John 4:17 17 ¶ Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world.

Yahshua told us to be of good cheer! Why? For I (Christ like us in the carnal body of a human being) have overcome the world! (Overcoming, our goal not yet achieved, is to focus on being perfect as He was perfect) (Ref: John 16:33)

Matt 7:6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your <u>pearls</u> before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

Our spiritual walk, set with trials, steps contrary to this physical life of senses. There are few that enter into His calling and persevere multi-trials. Fruitful advice urges us to remain in the company of wise counsel and away from those who knowingly sin as they will have contempt and hate you for following His truth. In spite of obstacles, pray for direction and assistance as our Lord did throughout His three year ministry. His actions and words revealed pearls of truth and wisdom to the lost sheep of Israel but the people did not accept Him as the prophesied Messiah. Instead the establishment trampled His holiness, turned against Him and had Him crucified. His calling was to become the Lamb of God who paid for the sins of the world. The most priceless gift ever given: our Savior persecuted, killed for the action of His belief!

Matt 13:45-51: Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: 46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. 47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: 48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. 49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, 50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 51 Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.

Christ used a variety of similes to describe the kingdom of heaven. Here the kingdom of heaven is likened to a pearl of great price, which is eagerly sought by a wealthy man who is willing to pay any sum for it. Perhaps, the pearl represents Yah's truth, His plan of salvation. Once the search for truth has begun, the effort to know more is put forth. We the seeker or merchant become newly born into "the way" and become followers of Yahshua, Who is the way, the truth and the life. (Ref: John 14:6)

In the parable it is said the merchant sold all that he had and bought the pearl. No good thing can be had for nothing. Perhaps the merchant who sought the pearl is Christ and the pearl, His church. Yahshua left His heavenly throne and gave all that He had to give, His life, the ransom to pay the death penalty for sin. He became the redeeming sacrifice for the sins of all humanity, once, for all. (Ref: Heb 10:10) Christ sought us, now we seek Him, our greatest treasure of all. He gave His life for us; now we offer our life to become a servant as He did.

1Tim 2:9-10: In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or <u>pearls</u>, or costly array; 10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

Elizabeth Taylor was given a 500 year old pear shaped pearl necklace known as La Peregrina purchased for \$37,000 in 1969 and was just sold for \$11,842,500 at Christie's auction in NY. The impressive value of this pearl or the value of any other rarest treasure of the earth would become worthless in comparison of having achieved eternal life with our Creator. If we are seeking the Kingdom of God, we should dress the part with love, patience, kindness, and all the related fruits of the Holy Spirit that fulfill His law, honor His name, and prove ourselves to be useful to others.

Rev 17:1-6: And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

- 2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.
- 3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.
- 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:
- 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.
- 6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

This woman is false religion which rides the Holy Roman Empire influencing the world through its ruling power. All her authority, grandeur, wealth and wicked idolatry will be condemned to death by Our Lord. Her being clothed in the color scarlet points out her popes and cardinals as assuming imperial authority with their vestments sometimes studded with pearls. Though this papal form has its origin from diabolic influence, it is admired and sanctioned as having legitimate authority by all within its reach, except for Yah's faithful elect.

Rev 18:1-19: And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. 4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. 5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. 6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. 7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. 8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. 9 ¶ And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, 10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. 11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: 12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, 13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. 14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. 15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, 16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! 17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, 18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying. What city is like unto this great city! 19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! For in one hour is she made desolate.

Yah's righteous judgement, through Yahshua, will utterly and without any possibility of recovery, destroy this city of false pagan religion called Christianity for its sin. She is to be rewarded with double punishment for her stealing property, Yah's truth from His people then replacing it with an inferior, false look-a-like image. The nations will no longer believe the lies of salvation through her. Those who used the system for gain from her to control the souls of humanity grieve at their loss, for they were made rich by her costliness, the glorification of self and wanting to be worshipped as God. (Ref: Revelation –Action of Belief Ministry)

Rev 21:9-26: And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; 12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. 16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. 17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. 18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. 19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; 20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. 21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. 22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. 23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. 24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. 25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. 26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

This is the New Jersulalem descending out of heaven as a jewel to Christ's bride (His church) here on earth. Revelation states that believers will be with the Father and His Son eternally as His chosen nation, worshipping in spirit and in truth according to His will. Yahshua has built His church on the foundation of the twelve apostles, all from the nation of Israel, who were following Yah's laws. Christ did not create a new church but used an existing group of believers who were in lawful compliance to Yah's covenant while acknowledging that He was indeed the long awaited for Messiah.

The walls and 12 layers of the foundation of the city are each made of 12 precious gemstones; the same exact gems which were used on the breastplate worn by the High Priest in the earthly temple throughout the history of Israel. The twelve gates are made, each from a <u>single pearl</u>, displaying the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. Now the largest pearl on earth was found ten years ago, it came from a giant clam. The pearl was not round but measured 2 ft in height, 2 ft in length, 2 ft wide and is valued at \$100,000,000. The massive size of New Jerusalem which measures 1500 miles cubed with its pearl gates and gem based building materials, simply put, is just beyond our comprehension.

A pearl comes to us complete and lustrous created by Yah through nature and needs no polishing or cutting by man; identical to the condition of the Kingdom of Heaven coming to earth, which only the Creator could perfect with super-sized building dimensions and made of precious gold and jewels.

If we are to become the Lamb's bride, then He must become the one true love of our lives, our one and only first love...second to none... He wants our unfailing, faithful love, which will endure with Him forever in the city of New Jerusalem. We are His "pearl" bought at such a high cost, His life!! Let us seek Christ, the King of Kings and our Heavenly Father the rulers in the Kingdom of Heaven now and forevermore.

Matt 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

The Kingdom of God is worth everything we have to offer.

May the name of Yahshua be glorified in you, and you in Him. (Ref: 2Thes 1:12)

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