

Thought for the day – Tuesday 23rd May 2023

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The Bright Field R.S. Thomas

(The treasure hidden in a field Matthew 13.44-45)

I have seen the sun break through
to illuminate a small field
for a while, and gone my way
and forgotten it. But that was the pearl
of great price, the one field that had
the treasure in it. I realize now
that I must give all that I have
to possess it. Life is not hurrying

on to a receding future, nor hankering after
an imagined past. It is the turning
aside like Moses to the miracle
of the lit bush, to a brightness
that seemed as transitory as your youth
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

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Where do we look for treasure?

What do we value?