

A scroll with a parchment-like texture and irregular, torn edges is unrolled. The scroll is held by two ornate, golden-brown wooden rollers with decorative bands and finials. The background is a soft, draped fabric in a matching golden-brown hue. The text 'Matthew 13:24-30' is written in a bold, red, serif font with a slight drop shadow, centered on the scroll.

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24 Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

25 But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away.

26 But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also.

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27 The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'

28 And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?'

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29 But he said, 'No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them.

30 Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn."""



Introduction:

In this chapter, Jesus gives no less than 8 parables. In these **"earthly stories with heavenly meanings"** Jesus speaks about God's plan of salvation, the work of Satan, the fickle nature of the human heart and the greatness of the kingdom of heaven.



The Parable of The Wheat and the Weeds

— Matthew 13:24-30 —





Jesus gives His disciples, and us, the identities of those involved in this story.

The sower is Christ.

The good seed is the Gospel of grace.

The one who sowed tares is the devil.

The wheat's are those who are saved.





The weeds are those who are unsaved, but have the appearance of salvation.



THE WHEAT
AND
THE WEEDS



PLANTED
Together

1

PROGRESSED
Together

2

PROCESSED
Together

3





A farmer plants a wheat field. He uses good seed and plants the crop expecting a good harvest.

However, while he and his servants slept, his enemy entered his field and planted tares among the wheat.

"Tares" - weeds that go by the name "Bearded Darnel".





The servants discover the weeds and come in to tell the master about the problem.

He will send in the reapers to gather the weeds first and bind them to be burned.

Then the wheat will be gathered and placed in his barns.



I. PLANTED TOGETHER (V. 24-25)

Both the wheat and the tares shared the common experience of having been planted.

The difference in the experience is revealed in 2 very important ways.

A. The Character of The Seed.

The wheat seed produced wheat while the weeds produced tares.

On a spiritual level, the **"seed"** is that thing that we have placed our faith in. For the genuine believer, the **"seed"** is the Gospel of grace.

The truly born-again person is trusting Jesus Christ alone for their salvation.

The weeds, on the other hand, may be trusting in any number of emotional, spiritual or physical experiences for their salvation.



What are you trusting in for your salvation?

What we need to understand is that salvation only comes to a heart that has been convicted of sin and after genuine repentance has taken place.

John 6:44 *"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day."*





"Where is your faith?"





**On what do you base your
hope of Heaven?**





Be **sure** your **faith**
is in the **right** One!



B. The Character of The Sower.

The good seed was sown by the owner of the field, the weeds were sown by his enemy.

Why did the enemy do this? It was in an effort to ruin the crop and ultimately, it was an attack upon the farmer.

The enemy is in the business of sowing tares among the Lord's wheat.



He knows that if he can place enough of the artificial among the genuine, he can devastate the entire crop.

Satan is in the business of undoing all that the Lord is doing.

You do not need to base your hope of Heaven on some experience or the other.

You need to be sure beyond any shadow of a doubt that you have truly trusted Jesus Christ and Him alone for your salvation.



II. PROGRESSED TOGETHER (V. 26-30a)

Both seeds grew together.

➤ **The Same Activity.**

As the wheat grew, so the weeds grew alongside them.

➤ **The Same Appearance.**

Weeds also look just like the wheat. Until they have matured completely, they are impossible to tell one from the other.

C. None of The Abundance.

Weeds cannot produce **fruit**.

"No Lasting Fruit" - look right, act right and talk right.

What do we mean by fruit? The fruit of the Spirit in **Gal. 5:22-23**.

All we see is the outward appearance, but God is able to look upon the heart.



1 Sam. 16:7, *"But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart."*

III. PROCESSED TOGETHER (v. 30b)

The day of harvest arrived.

The reapers were sent into the field to gather the tares first, and then the wheat.

How could they tell the difference now?

As the wheat matures, the head becomes filled with kernels and the weight of the kernels causes the stalk of the wheat plant to bend toward the ground.



The seeds in the head of the weeds are light.

This allows the tare to stand tall.

As a genuine believer grows in the Lord, he tends to become more humble before the presence of God.

The weeds, on the other hand, will stand in his pride clinging tightly to his false beliefs and foolishness.

When harvest time came, they were both gathered, but they had different ends.



➤ **The Tares Were Burned.**

These plants were bound together, allowed to dry and were used much like kindling. They were fit for nothing but to be burned.

➤ **The Wheat Was Bared.**

The wheat was gathered and taken into the barn. It would be processed for human consumption and may even be sold for a profit by the farmer.





He kept the wheat, had no use for the weeds!

The implications: When this life has run its course, there are only 2 possible destinations for the human soul.

Every person who lives and dies as a weed will find themselves cast into the fires of Hell, to be eternally separated from the presence of God.





2 Thess. 1:8-9 *"dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power"*

The genuine believer, on the other hand, can look forward to Heaven to be gathered into the Lord's House.





John 14:2- 3 *In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.*



Which will it be for you?

It all depends on whether you are a weed or you are a wheat.

Examine yourself carefully.





CONCLUSION:

Some things that you need to beware of as you walk through life.

- 1. Beware of Good Works** - It is easy to substitute good works for salvation. Often, the weeds are the best in performance. They are busy and active but they are erring.
 - 2. Beware of Good Beliefs** - It is easy to learn the doctrines and to believe the right things, while never actually believing in the right **PERSON.**
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You can believe the Bible and every word in it, and still go to Hell.

You can believe in the blood, the resurrection, the virgin birth and every other fundamental doctrine of the faith and still die lost.

They cannot help you until you come to Jesus as a lost sinner and repent of your sins.

You believe right, but you have never acted on those beliefs.





3. Beware of Good Feelings - It is easy to feel the emotion and maybe cry a little and even give a testimony and tell about that time when you were afraid and went to the altar, or when you had some experience or the other.

You just need to know that those emotional feelings cannot save your soul.

Are you the wheat? Or, are you weeds?





The Apostle Paul commanded the Corinthians to do, **2 Cor. 13:5**, *"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"*,

The Apostle Peter told his readers in **2 Peter 1:10**, *"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:"*





The wheat will be gathered in God's barn but the weeds will be burned.

The Good News for us today is that Jesus, the Good Seed who is The Word in the beginning, became the weed **(tare)** for us and He was burned by the heat of His suffering and death on the cross so that the smoke of his sacrifice became a sweet offering to God that made us acceptable.

And His resurrection power can transform us.





For with God nothing shall be impossible.

If he can turn the water into wine, if he can heal the sick, if He could raise the dead and if He could be the Risen Christ, He can change a man by the power of the Holy Spirit.



