## "THE PARABLES OF JESUS"

### The Wheat And Tares (Mt 13:24-30,36-43)

##### INTRODUCTION

The "mysteries of the kingdom of heaven" will be received only by some, and not all

1. This truth was illustrated further when Jesus taught **"The Parable Of The Wheat And Tares"**...

**THE PARABLE EXPLAINED**

* + 1. **THE Sower - "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man"**
    2. **THE FIELD - "The field is the world"**
    3. **THE GOOD SEED (WHEAT) - "The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom"**
    4. **THE TARES - "The tares are the sons of the wicked one"**
    5. **THE ENEMY - "The enemy who sowed them is the devil"**
    6. **THE HARVEST - "The harvest is the end of the age"**
    7. **THE REAPERS - "The reapers are the angels"**
       1. Angels will accompany Christ when He comes again - [2Th 1:7-9](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/2%20Thess%201.7-9)
       2. They will separate the wicked from among the just - cf. [Mt 13:49](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Matt%2013.49)-50
  1. US AS THE ACTUAL GOOD SEED
     1. Being the good seed meant there was an expectation of what those good seeds produced!
     2. Good seed produces strength, produces the fruit of the spirit

Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Self-Control

Those things naturally then should affect the field in a positive manner

Good seed sustains, equips, produces, multiplies, expands, reproduces

* 1. While Men Slept
     1. While men slept, there’s something to say about that, man sleeping. That can apply not paying attention, not being alert, not being aware, not watching what may be going on.
     2. Many times we are sleeping because we are obviously tired (tired of a lot of things going), but if we are taking a break, making assumption that since things started ok they will stay ok will open up so much of us potentially being blindsided by what the enemy has been doing in secret
     3. The enemy is doing many things in secret while everything seems to be ok
     4. The enemy is secretly, cowardly, slyly sneaking in and sowing things to disrupt the good seed that is there!
        1. Sows in the good things

1. Marriage is good -DON’T TAKE IT FOR GRANTED
2. Money-DON’T BE WASTEFUL-WISELY INVEST AND SAVE AND PREP
3. Walk with God- Don’t be sleeping PRAYER, DESIRE, HUNGER, THIRST, BEING INVOLVED, READING, STUDYING, ACTIVE IN MINISTRY, DON’T GET COMFORTABLE AND SATISFIED
4. VS. 25 Says the enemy just went his way- It’s no big deal for the enemy to wreck everything and then just walk away caring less about all the damaged caused!
   1. **JESUS STRESSES THE MAIN POINTS OF THE PARABLE...**

**Verse 28 – 30**

Mat 13:28  He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

Mat 13:29  But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

Mat 13:30  Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

* 1. **CHRIST IS LONG-SUFFERING, SO YOU CAN GROW!**

**That lets us know you can grow even in the middle of the enemy trying to work**

* + - 1. As Peter indicated, it is the Lord's longsuffering that prompts any seeming delay in His coming - cf. [**2Pe 3:9**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/2%20Pet%203.9)

-- So while Christ is certainly desirous that "all" men come to repentance, He has a special interest in those "sons of the kingdom" who are still growing!

* 1. **THE KINGDOM IS BOTH PRESENT AND FUTURE!**
     1. In **verse 41**, the Son of Man will "gather out of His kingdom", so the kingdom is in existence prior to the end of the age when the Son of Man comes with His angels
     2. In **verse 43**, it is after the harvest that the righteous "will shine forth in the kingdom of their Father"
  2. **ONE MAY BE IN THE KINGDOM NOW, BUT NOT IN THE FUTURE!**
     1. Against which Paul warned the Christians at Corinth and Rome - [**1Co 8:11-13**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1%20Cor%208.11-13)**;**[**10:31-11:1**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1Co%2010.31-11.1)**;**[**Ro 16:17-18**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Rom%2016.17-18) (cf. [**Ro 14:13**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Rom%2014.13)**,**[**19-21**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Ro%2014.19-21))
     2. Those who "practice lawlessness"
  3. **A PLACE OF PUNISHMENT IS THE REWARD OF THE WICKED!**

##### CONCLUSION

1. We learn from this parable, then, that the kingdom of heaven...
   1. Will spread as people become "sons of the kingdom" (by heeding the Son of Man)
   2. Will not preclude the efforts and influence of the devil (so expect to see some "tares")
   3. Though inaugurated with the Son of Man's first coming (especially with His ascension to the right hand of God and the outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost - **Acts 2**), the kingdom of heaven will not be fully culminated until...
      * 1. The Son of Man returns with His angels
        2. He gathers all things out of His kingdom that offend and practice lawlessness
        3. And delivers the kingdom to God (cf. [**1Co 15:24**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1%20Cor%2015.24))
        4. At that time...We will have an abundant entrance **"into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"** - cf. [**2Pe 1:11**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/2%20Pet%201.11)
   4. **"Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father" -**[**Mt 13:43**](https://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Matt%2013.43)