

## The Parable of the Wheat and Tares

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### Matthew 13:24-30 NASB

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."

- *Good seed and bad seed (tares) are sown together.*
- *The good seed is sown by God, the tares are sown by Satan.*
- *The enemy sows tares for many reasons:*
  - *To bring distraction, confusion, contention and division within the Church.*
  - *To distress and wear down the Saints.*
  - *To introduce sin into the Church.*
  - *To bring reproach on the Church.*

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26 "**BUT WHEN THE WHEAT SPROUTED AND BORE GRAIN, THEN THE TARES BECAME EVIDENT ALSO.**"

- *The tares "became" evident - it takes time and becomes progressively apparent.*
- *It can be impossible to tell the difference between the wheat and the tares until it's harvest time.*
- *Ultimately, you tell the difference between the wheat and the tares by the fruit.*

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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?**'"

29 "But he said, '**NO; FOR WHILE YOU ARE GATHERING UP THE TARES, YOU MAY UPROOT THE WHEAT WITH THEM.**'"

- *Don't be hasty in judgment - many times it's not a tare but a saint struggling in sanctification.*
- *"You may uproot the wheat"*
  - *Is it worth the disturbance*
  - *lives become interwoven by friendships*
- *It's the Holy Spirit's role to expose and if necessary separate (except in cases of obvious, deliberate sin).*

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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.'**"

**John 15:5-6 NASB**

5 I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES; HE WHO ABIDES IN ME AND I IN HIM, HE BEARS MUCH FRUIT, FOR APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING.

6 IF ANYONE DOES NOT ABIDE IN ME (*no fruit*), HE IS THROWN AWAY AS A BRANCH AND DRIES UP; AND THEY GATHER THEM, AND CAST THEM INTO THE FIRE AND THEY ARE BURNED.

- *Tares produce imitation fruit by their own effort and self-discipline, not birthed by the Spirit of God.*

**1 Corinthians 3:12-15 NASB**

12 Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

13 **EACH MAN'S WORK WILL BECOME EVIDENT; FOR THE DAY WILL SHOW IT BECAUSE IT IS TO BE REVEALED WITH FIRE, AND THE FIRE ITSELF WILL TEST THE QUALITY OF EACH MAN'S WORK.**

14 IF ANY MAN'S WORK WHICH HE HAS BUILT ON IT REMAINS, HE WILL RECEIVE A REWARD.

15 IF ANY MAN'S WORK IS BURNED UP, HE WILL SUFFER LOSS; BUT HE HIMSELF WILL BE SAVED, YET SO AS THROUGH FIRE.

**2 Corinthians 5:9-11 NASB**

9 THEREFORE WE ALSO HAVE AS OUR AMBITION, WHETHER AT HOME OR ABSENT, TO BE PLEASING TO HIM.

10 FOR WE MUST ALL APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST, SO THAT EACH ONE MAY BE RECOMPENSED FOR HIS DEEDS IN THE BODY, ACCORDING TO WHAT HE HAS DONE, WHETHER GOOD OR BAD.

11 THEREFORE, KNOWING THE FEAR OF THE LORD, WE PERSUADE MEN, BUT WE ARE MADE MANIFEST TO GOD; AND I HOPE THAT WE ARE MADE MANIFEST ALSO IN YOUR CONSCIENCES.

**2 Corinthians 5:17-18 NASB**

17 THEREFORE IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATURE; THE OLD THINGS PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, NEW THINGS HAVE COME.

18 NOW ALL THESE THINGS ARE FROM GOD...

**Galatians 5:22-26 NASB**

22 **BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL; AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW.**

24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 IF WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, LET US ALSO WALK BY THE SPIRIT.

26 Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

**2 Timothy 2:19-23 NASB**

19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness."

20 **NOW IN A LARGE HOUSE THERE ARE NOT ONLY GOLD AND SILVER VESSELS, BUT ALSO VESSELS OF WOOD AND OF EARTHENWARE, AND SOME TO HONOR AND SOME TO DISHONOR.**

21 THEREFORE, IF ANYONE CLEANSSES HIMSELF FROM THESE THINGS, HE WILL BE A VESSEL FOR HONOR, SANCTIFIED, USEFUL TO THE MASTER, PREPARED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.

22 **NOW FLEE FROM YOUTHFUL LUSTS AND PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS, FAITH, LOVE AND PEACE, WITH THOSE WHO CALL ON THE LORD FROM A PURE HEART.**

23 But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels.