

MATTHEW 13:24-36, 36-43. THE WHEAT AND THE TARES PART 1

READ: Mt. 13:24-24-30, 36-43

REVIEW:

- Darnel/tares are counterfeit wheat. Vs. 28, 29.
- When it first springs up it is near impossible to detect as not being wheat, even for experts.
- Darnel looks exactly like wheat, but in reality it is actually entirely different and as it grows and matures the difference becomes increasingly visible.
- When it has reached its full growth no one could mistake it for wheat, but the damage to the harvest had been done.
- This parable teaches us that in this age as in every previous age, the method of our foe, the foe of Christ will be that of "imitation."
- Such as joy, satisfaction contentment, riches, etc.
- The sower did not sleep, the enemy did not sleep, but the servants of the Owner slept.
 - Rom. 13:11; knowing the time that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we first believed.
- Notice also the wording between the tares and the wheat. Tares are bound together while the wheat is gathered.

Is this parable a parable about the CHURCH?

- According to Jesus in vs 38, the field is the world, not the church.
- However though the field is the world, the church is in the world. The church is not the field, but is in the field.
- Not only has the enemy sown false seed all over the field of the world, but he has sown false seed in the garden of the church.
- J. C. Ryle says, "There has never been a visible church of which the members have all been wheat.
- There is no perfect church, anywhere, all have wheat and tares.
- Satan can counterfeit a Christian, counterfeit the gospel. He even has a counterfeit church.
- He counterfeits apostles, and ministers and he can counterfeit an angel of light (2 Cor. 11) and at the end of the age produce a counterfeit Christ.
- He is the master of imitation.

THE OWNER:

- Notice in vs. 24 the man who sows, Jesus the Son of Man, is identified as being the Owner of the field and the field is the world.
- The Greek word for world here that Jesus used was "Kosmos." The whole ordered work of creation, the ordered world. (everything was "good.")

- **Jesus is the owner of the field. He is the proprietor of all things and He sows and plants on His own property.**
- **He owns the cattle of a thousand hills, and the earth is the Lords and the fullness there of. (Ps. 21:1) and all souls are His, (Ezek 18:4)**

THE ENEMY: VS. 28, 39 (THIS WEEK)

- **VS. 25 & 28 The enemy who sowed the false wheat was a trespasser. He was not the owner or the field and had no right to be there.**
- **He was totally deceitful for he did this while men slept. He is filled with hatred and malice for the Owner.**
- **Vs. 39; Enemy: an adjective, primarily denoting "hateful" to "hate;" "hating, and hostile;"**
- **Jesus exposes this trespasser this enemy as the devil.**
- **He is consumed with his hatred for the owner, Christ.**
- **This enemy is the devil, satan- "diabolous." The slanderer, slanderous, the false accuser , is used 34 times as a title of Satan, the Devil.**
 - **Rev. 12:10; Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.**
- **He will do all he can to hurt, and slander Christ and when he cannot get at Christ, he will go after God's children.**
 - **John 10:10; The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.**
- **Satan plants men and woman around the world who oppose the will, the character and the work of God, and they exist and infiltrate or are planted in every area of life.**
- **It seems from this that the enemy's greatest weapon is imitation. It does evil while weakening the testimony and life of the true.**

THE SEPERATION: VS. 30, 39-43

- **VS. 40, the harvest is the "end of the age." "the end of the age," not "world."**
- **Both children of the wicked one and the Children of the kingdom shall be taken up.**
- **The tares/children of the wicked one being taken first, gathered, bound and burned, then the wheat/children of the kingdom taken and brought into Gods store house. (so much for the rapture as it is taught today.)**
 - **Rev. 14:14-16**
- **The parable ends with the "consummation" of the age. All things gathered up, none left behind.**

- The wheat and the tares were to be left growing together because by trying to uproot the tares some of the wheat would be injured and destroyed.
- If the servants attempted to separate before the appointed time there would be mistakes on discerning the wheat from the tares and some wheat would be destroyed.
- This present grievous mixed state shall not be forever. Evil shall be dealt with and removed. (41-42)
- The great separation at the end of the age will be supervised by Jesus, done by the angels and accomplished with perfect precision.
- These heavenly reapers shall make no mistakes regarding their selection and their execution of the great separation.
- They shall discern with unerring judgment between the righteous and the wicked. The children of the kingdom of God and the children of the wicked one.
- God will not just gather the children of the wicked one, but He shall also gather out of His kingdom all things that offend.
- "Offend." originally was "the name of the part of a trap to which the bait is attached, hence, the trap or snare itself, RV, 'stumbling block,'
- the movable stick or trigger of a trap, a trap stick
 - Matt. 16:23 for in Peter's words the Lord perceived a snare laid for Him by Satan. (far be it of you Lord, this shall not be.)
 - Rev. 2:14, But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.
- Not only those who are of the children of the wicked one bound up and burned, but even all that offends.
- All that causes one to stumble. Those persons and situations that have hurt us and persecuted our spirits shall be taken away forever.
- The satanic spirit of this age, that spirit which exhales poisonous fumes of filth, hurt and all things anti-Christ which causes God's children to draw back or stumble and fall, shall be forever dealt with.
- No wonder that there will be great rejoicing from the redeemed, no wonder the righteous shall shine forth as the sun.
 - **Rev. 19:1-6.**
- And those who live in lawlessness, disobedience against the will, and character of Christ will be taken out and dealt with.
- VS. 43, then the righteous shall shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of the Father.
- The whole world/creation is waiting for this consummation moment.
 - **Rom. 8:19-22**

CONCLUSION:

- **Vs. 25, "while men slept."**
- **Until this great separation we are to be the planting of the Lord, the Children of His Kingdom, in contradiction to the spirit of this age and the children of the wicked one.**
- **And we must realize, celebrate and rejoice the fact that God and righteousness triumph.**