



A parable is a maxim or proverb using something common or ordinary to explain or express truth about something extraordinary. - Pastor Del

Parable of the *Weeds*

“The False Grain”

Symbols:

Sower – God

Field – The world/The heart of man

Good Seed – God’s seed (eternal)

2nd Sower – The enemy of God’s Kingdom work

Reapers – Angelic Creatures

(Overview)

This parable reveals an unexpected sower. When we think about God’s work, we generally do not plan for the impact the enemy of God’s work will have on our environment. The lesson revealed in this teaching illustrates how we must continue God’s work and work around the unexpected seeds that are sown to interfere with the work God has called us to do.

Matthew 13:24 - Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

Matthew 13:25 - But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

Matthew 13:26 - But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

Matthew 13:27 - So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

Matthew 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?

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

Matthew 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.

Lesson Notes:

(Matthew 13:24) – This parable illustrates a man sowing a good seed into a field. The man is a symbol of “God”; the seed that comes from God is good and a symbol of eternal value. (Eccl. 3:10). The “good” seed sown into the field symbolizes God planting His eternal seed into the open field of the world, making deposits directly into the lives of men.

(Matthew 13:25) – While men are asleep and unawakened to God’s deposit deeply buried inside them, the enemy of God’s work sows a second seed into the same field. The second seed represents false grain. The false grain is a look-a-like to the good (eternal) seed. As a seed, it is not distinctive from the good seed that comes from God.

The enemy of God’s work intentionally finds the fields in men's lives where God has deposited His kingdom seed to sow his seeds to offset and oppose God's work.

(Matthew 13:26) – In time, both seeds will become a flourishing blade, revealing the true nature and identity of the fruit. The tares will reveal their distinctive characteristics from the wheat and, at the same time, make God's fruit active and productive in the lives of men. The counterfeit fruit will become more noticeable as God's work becomes fruitful.

(Matthew 13:27-28) – The servants quickly desired to take matters into their own hands, asking the owner how a secondary seed could be sown into the owner's field.

The servants are anxious to find a way to uproot and remove the unwanted tares, but the owner requires that both the wheat and the tares be allowed to continue to grow in the same field. The owner is aware that the presence of the tares cannot prevent the grain from growing and reaching its harvest potential.

(Matthew 13:29) – God will not risk damaging the work He has established in the lives of men to be compromised or uprooted while trying to vacate the counterfeit work of His enemy. The more productive God's work is throughout the earth, the higher the standard for the counterfeit work is raised to measure it against.

(Matthew 13:30) – The end of the temporal world will bring on the end-time harvest. The harvest separates (judge) the works that are temporal from those that are eternal. The reapers will gather first the tares. Tares are temporal because they have no further use once uprooted and serve no other purpose. They are bound together and are consumed as fire fuel. Wheat has an additional purpose; after being uprooted, it can be converted and processed to help something, including food or textiles.

Men who allow God's seed to establish His eternal kingdom in the field of their lives have an extended after-life purpose after they are uprooted from their physical existence on earth.

Sower – Son of Man

Field – The world/The heart of man

Good Seed – God's seed (eternal)

2nd Sower – The Enemy

Reapers – The Angelic

Matthew 13:36 - Another parable Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

Matthew 13:37 - He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

Matthew 13:38 - The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked *one*;

Matthew 13:39 - The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

Matthew 13:40 - As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

Matthew 13:41 - The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

Matthew 13:42 - And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 13:43 - Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

(Matthew 13:36) – The teaching lesson is explained after sending the multitude away. This is another affirmation that parables were intended to identify those with an ear to hear the truth. Inside the house in seclusion, the revelation is shared with the disciples.

(Matthew 13:37-38) – The Sower of the good seed is the Son of Man, a term used in Revelation to describe the judge of all humanity, the resurrected Christ. (Revelation 1:13)

The field is the world, all mankind, specifically the individual heart of man. The good seed results from God's word sown in the earth, representing everyone with an ear to hear His truth. These are all classified as the children (offspring/fruit) of the kingdom. The tares are conversely the result of those who have rejected the kingdom truth and consumed the seed sown by the enemy of God's work. They are classified as the children (offspring/fruit) of the wicked one.

(Matthew 13:39) – The enemy of God’s work is identified as “diabolos,” the accuser/deceiver. The god of this world is the deceiver that blinds the eyes of men from the truth. (II Corinthians 4:4)

The final harvest is the end of this world. There will be no more seasons of sowing. Sowing and cultivating will come to an end.

Angels will be assigned to reap, sort, and gather the final harvest results.

(Matthew 13:40) – The enemy fruit will be gathered and cast collectively into the eternal fire. The uprooted work of diabolos will have no place or purpose but will be eternally exposed to fire consumption. That will be the end of Diabolos and all those deceived by him.

(Matthew 13:41-42) – All things that opposed (offended) to the kingdom of God, including all instruments and vices of iniquity used against the kingdom, will be cast into the furnace to be consumed eternally by fire. The sound, wailing, and remorse (gnashing of teeth) shall be heard into eternity.

(Matthew 13:43) – Those with ears to hear will illuminate (shine) because they listened to the word and responded to the glorious light of truth. They will be known as righteous and have a prepared place and purpose in eternity. Gathered into the *collection place* (*barn 13:30), the heavenly congregation gathered together in the presence of God for all eternity.

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