



The Parable of the Wheat & the Tares (Weeds)

Parable #2

The Question of Evil, Why It Exists

Matthew 13:24-30

Intro: Some of man's basic questions about the presence of evil in the world and judging others are covered in this parable. It is a parable that has some very practical answers and lessons for men.

1. There are both good and evil people in this world and in the Kingdom of Heaven (vv. 24-26)
2. Christ sows the righteous; the devil sows the wicked (vv. 24-25)
3. Men question why there is evil in the world and in the Kingdom (church). Did God plant the evil as well as the good? (vv. 27-28)
4. Men are not to judge who the wheat and tares, the good and bad are. Why? Because it is sometimes difficult to distinguish between the good and bad, and some of the good might be rooted up. (v. 29)
5. A day of harvest and of judgment is coming (vv. 29-30)
6. God alone has the wisdom to judge correctly (vv. 29-30)

Jesus explains the parable in verse 36-43. So glancing at the major points of the parable will help one get an overall understanding of the parable.

1. THE PARABLE DESCRIBES THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (v. 24)
 2. A MAN (CHRIST) SOWS GOOD SEED (THE RIGHTEOUS) (v. 24)
 3. AN ENEMY (THE DEVIL) SOWS TARES (THE WICKED) (v. 25)
 4. A DAY FOR FRUIT COMES (v. 26)
 5. A DAY OF QUESTIONING COMES (vv. 27-30)
 6. A DAY OF HARVEST IS COMING (v. 30)
- I. **DESCRIPTION OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN** (v. 24)
(cf. Matthew 19:23-24)
 - II. **JESUS CHRIST—MISSION** (vv. 24, 37-38, 43)
 - A. A man sows good _____ (v. 24) (He sows)
 - B. The man is _____, the Son of Man (v. 37)
 - C. The good seed are the _____ (v. 43)
 - D. The _____ of the Kingdom (v. 38)
 - E. _____ is the world (He owns the field)
 - III. **THE ENEMY (SATAN) SOWS TARES** (vv. 25, 38-39)
 - A. He sows _____ (the lost) in the same field (vv. 25a, 38)

- B. He sows them _____ (v. 25b)

*He sows the bad among the good

IV. A DAY FOR BEARING FRUIT ALWAYS COMES (v. 26)

- A. _____ appears—True professors
- B. _____ appear—False professors

V. A DAY OF QUESTIONING COMES (vv. 27-30)

- A. Question #1: Where do the _____ come from? (v. 27) (or evil in the world)
- B. The Answer: An _____ (the devil or wicked one) sows them (v. 28a)
- C. Question #2: Shall we (the righteous) _____ and **root** up the tares? (v. 28b)
- D. The Answer: (vv. 29-30a)
 1. Do not _____ – Why? Because you may root up some wheat among the tares (v. 29)
 2. Let _____ grow together (v. 30a)

VI. A DAY OF HARVEST IS COMING (v. 30b, c, 42-43)

- A. **TARES:** Will be **BUNDLED** and _____
- B. **WHEAT:** Will be **GATHERED** into the owner's (Christ) _____ (or House-Mansion) - Glory!