

# The Parable of the Weeds

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

## A fascinating analogy: "Wheat and "weeds" (tares) ...

### "Explain to us ..."

God's words are not \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ interpretation. (There is a meaning. Our first task in understanding scripture is determining what the text \_\_\_\_\_. Then are we able to \_\_\_\_\_ it correctly.)

Each parable stands on its \_\_\_\_\_. (They never \_\_\_\_\_, but don't \_\_\_\_\_ the symbolism, or you will be confused.)

Scripture \_\_\_\_\_ scripture. (This idea is referred to as the "analogy of faith" or the "rule of faith".)

### The Characters and Symbols:

"The man who sowed" = \_\_\_\_\_ – The King bringing about His Kingdom

*How?*

"The field" = this present \_\_\_\_\_ – the arena of God's mercy and grace; holiness and justice

"The enemy" = \_\_\_\_\_ and the fallen angels that serve him, who go about \_\_\_\_\_ the nations

*Remember, Satan is a "sower", too!*

"Good seed" = \_\_\_\_\_ who have received the Word and are now growing up to maturity in Him, becoming "wheat" ready for "harvest" and their place in \_\_\_\_\_

"Weeds" = \_\_\_\_\_, under the influence of the enemy, whose lives also grow to maturity, but who are without Christ, spiritually empty, perhaps even poisonous, subject then only to \_\_\_\_\_

"Harvest" = The certain future judgment of God of all mankind

### A Summary:

Apart from the \_\_\_\_\_ of King Jesus, the whole world would lie in darkness under the dominion of the "god of this world".

But Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ – offering \_\_\_\_\_ from the destruction and death of the kingdom of darkness to the glorious life of His good and eternal kingdom. (Col. 1:13)  
This is \_\_\_\_\_.

Some will respond to this incomprehensibly \_\_\_\_\_ offer and be \_\_\_\_\_. Starting as mere "seeds", they will develop and mature into His design for them. \_\_\_\_\_ is their final state.

As more and more people become followers of Jesus thru \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_, from this \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ world a new Kingdom emerges until the earth is \_\_\_\_\_ with the knowledge of the glory of the Great King.

Tragically, others will \_\_\_\_\_ to believe the saving Words of the Sower. They will not be instantly destroyed but will also grow up. Sadly, their lives will be empty absent the Savior. Many will be \_\_\_\_\_ to those around them. \_\_\_\_\_ is their final state.

So then, it is the great responsibility of the \_\_\_\_\_ to live \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ lives wherever He has planted us, while leaving the ultimate and imminent \_\_\_\_\_ to God (who most certainly *will* judge righteously).

Note: An implicit warning also resides in the text: The danger of \_\_\_\_\_. (Living among "wheat" doesn't make you "wheat". The \_\_\_\_\_ will be revealed.)

### Conclusion:

There is hardly a clearer theme in scripture than the future judgment of God. On that day, all will be revealed. On that day, justice will be served.

This is the simple question: **Wheat or tare?**