

The Parable Of The Tares

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Intro:

- A. **In the parable of the sower Jesus taught His disciples how men would respond to His teachings.**
 - 1. Some would not receive it, so as to be saved.
 - 2. Some would not respond to it so as to be fruitful.
 - 3. Some would receive it, respond to and be fruitful.

- B. **In the parable of the tares, Jesus teaches them how Satan, the great counterfeiter, will place false churches in the world.**
 - 1. Are there false churches?
 - 2. How did false churches get started?
 - 3. Should true churches fellowship with false ones?
 - 4. What will happen to false churches?

I. The Parable Of The Tares Spoken.

- A. **"The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:" v.24**
 - 1. kingdom = βασιλεια των ουρανων = "the kingdom of the heavens". This has reference to the entire sphere in which God works. According to the interpretation of Jesus this sphere includes the world, the devil, the true church, and the false churches.
 - 2. liken = ομοιωω = "to make like", "to compare"
 - 3. good = καλος = "acceptable," "well-fitted," "clean"

- B. **"But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way."**
 - 1. enemy = εχθρος = "hated" "opposite to," "adversary."
 - 2. tares = ζιζανιον = "weeds in grain, like darnel". Bearded darnel= a plant that in its form and growth is much like genuine plants such as wheat, barley, etc. This was more than a practical joke or an irritant. It was

an attempt to cause severe illness. If the grains were not separated at harvest they would create bitterness and after eating they could cause vomiting.

C. The tares discovered. V.26

1. blade = χορτος = "a feeding place" but also food, fodder, grass or hay. The plant is close to maturity in everything but the grain.
2. fruit = καρπος = "that which is dry and ripe."
3. appeared = φαινω = "to appear, "to become apparent"

D. The servants question the householder.

1. "Sire didst not thou sow good seed in thy field"? v.27
2. "from whence then hath it tares"?

E. The answer of the householder.

1. "An enemy hat done this" v.28
2. "Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up"?
3. "Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them." v.29
4. "Let both grow together until the harvest..." v.30
5. "Gather...first the tares, bind them in bundles to burn them"
6. "...but gather the wheat into my barn."

II. The Interpretation Of The Parable Of The Tares.

A. The disciples and Jesus. v.36

1. "Jesus sent the multitudes away."
2. declare = διασαφω = "make quite plain"

B. "He that soweth the good seed is the Son of Man." v.37

1. This is what Jesus did.
2. He established His church.

C. "The field is the world." v.38

1. It is not the church.
2. Jesus "sowed" something in the world.

D. "the good seed are the children of the kingdom."

1. This cannot be Israel.
 2. They existed before Jesus came.
- E. **"...the tares are the children of the wicked one"**
1. These are unsaved ones.
 2. They are false churches.
- F. **"The enemy that sowed them is the devil;" v.39**
1. Jesus established His church.
 2. The devil established His church.
- G. **"the harvest is the end of the world.."**
1. This is the end of the world system that occurs before the 1,000 years of the Millennium.
 2. This is not total melting of earth.
- H. **"...the reapers are the angels."**
1. All things are headed for judgment.
 2. False spiritual institutions are included.

III. The Application Of The Truths.

- A. **"As therefore the tares...so shall it be..." v.40**
1. The Son of man shall send his angels. **V.41**
 2. They shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend..."
 3. offend = σκανδαλιζω = "to cause to stumble," set a trap for."
 4. "and them which do iniquity."
 5. iniquity = ανομια = "transgressors of the law", "violations of the rules."
 6. The end of the tares. **V.42**
- B. **The vindication of the true churches v.43**
1. "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the son in the Kingdom of their Father."
 2. "who hath ears to hear let him hear."
- C. **Do not fellowship with tares!**