

Bible Study



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Lessons *FROM THE* Tares *AMONG THE* Wheat

MATTHEW 13:24-30

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 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? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 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.

1. The kingdom of heaven has an enemy.
He is a dedicated enemy – *His total focus is upon God.*
He is a devious enemy – *He plays by his own rules.*
He is a dissimulating enemy – *He appears to be a sower.*
He is a devising enemy – *He employs schemes now that will appear later.*
2. There will be people in the body of Christ who are not genuine believers.
3. The presence of “false confessors” will cause confusion among the servants of God.
4. The Master always has the answers.
5. We are to be careful of the tares, but not try to remove them.
When we try to “weed out” the phonies, we are trying to do God’s job for Him.
6. Proceed in focusing on the growth of the wheat.
Don’t get so worked up about the tares that you neglect the wheat.
7. When we proceed according to God’s instructions, He takes care of the results.