

WHEAT & TARES

MATTHEW 13

Parable Series #1

Text: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Introduction:

1. THE STORY

- A. Man sowed good seed in his field
- B. But while men slept his enemy came in and sowed tares in and among the good seed.
- C. They both begin to grow, but it was discovered that there was tares among the wheat.
- D. Servants ask what to do about the tares, and are instructed to leave them alone until harvest time, at which time they will be separated.

2. THE INTERPRETATION OF THE STORY

- A. The Field

1. Is the World (vs 38)

2. Belongs to God

a. His field (vs 24)

b. Thy field (vs 27)

B. The Sowers

1. The Son of Man (Jesus)

a. Sowed good seed.

1. Good seed are the children of the kingdom. (vs 38)

b. All good seed comes from Christ.

2. The Enemy (Devil)

a. Sowed bad seed

1. Bad seed are the children of the wicked one (vs 38)

b. Sowed while men slept

1. That is when the devil does most of his work: in and around darkness.

2. The devil is very cunning.

c. Never sows bad seed among the bad, but always sows the bad among the good.

C. The Two Products

1. The Tares

a. Weeds which look like wheat.

b. Not worth anything.

c. Will some times destroy the wheat.

2. The Wheat.

a. The plant which produces fruit.

b. Worth a lot.

c. Feeds the world.

i. Our job is to feed the world the Word of God.

3. HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO US TODAY?

A. We need to realize that the wheat & tares are still sown together.

B. We need to realize that both wheat & tares still grow together.

C. We need to realize that both wheat & tares still look the same, until the fruit is produced.

D. We need to realize that both were harvested together, but were separated in the end.

4. APPLICATIONS

A. Lets make sure of our salvation.

B. Lets be aware of the tares in and among the wheat.