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Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus Christ came teaching and preaching the Kingdom of God. That Kingdom is a Kingdom that transcends this world's powers and politics. His Kingdom is Spiritual yet being Spiritual, Manifests Itself Physically in This World.

Matthew 13:24-30

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; **25** but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. **26** But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. **27** So the servants of the owner came and said to him, “Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?” **28** He said to them, “An enemy has done this.” The servants said to him, “Do you want us then to go and gather them up?” **29** But he said, “No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. **30** Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ ”

The Intro to the Nature of the Kingdom / Church And the Covert Threat to the Work of Jesus Christ

Matthew 13:24a

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven”

The Kingdom of Heaven / The Kingdom of God
You will find that both of these terms are interchangeable, speaking of the same thing – the body of believers, the church age, you and me.

Jesus gives us a stiff reality check here;
Real, True, Kingdom Living Will Be Marked By Spiritual Dangers.

There’s a **Threefold Campaign** That Satan Uses Against
The Work and Mission of The Church of Jesus.

What is Satan’s **Threefold** Campaign?
False Christian Teaching, **False** Truth, resulting in **False** Growth.

If the saying “*if you can’t beat them, join them*” were ever true, it is true in the church.

THE PARABLE OF THE TARES

1.) Watch out for false Christians

v.24-25

Matthew 13:24b-25

It is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;

In this Parable “The Man” is Jesus Christ – Unlike the Parable of the Sower, here the seed is both the Word of God *inside the People of God – The Wheatie Christian.*

Matthew 13:25a

But while men slept,

As time runs on and things become common

Matthew 13:25b

His enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.

A Warning against Deception and Infiltration.

What are Tares?

Native to the eastern regions of the Mediterranean, it's also known as the Darnel-Grass. It looks just like wheat. It only grows where wheat is found and is so close in resemblance that it is almost always thought to be wheat.

Tares are fruitless, bitter and usually empty husks. When heated up or cooked, Tares produce a toxin that when eaten causes dizziness and nausea and dementia.

Jesus is saying that He has an enemy (Satan) and that His enemy also sows his word among Jesus' word and people.

How does the Devil do this?
By being a counterfeit – using infiltration and deception

When does the Devil do this?
Constantly and at every opportunity Satan is searching.

Why does the Devil do this?
To corrupt and pollute biblical doctrines. - "hath God said"

Where does the Devil do this?
Only where the truth is being proclaimed and where God is at work

Who does the Devil use for this?
Unstable, unfruitful, unholy, divisive, self-seeking souls.
Yet they are impossible or almost impossible to detect.

THE PARABLE OF THE TARES

2.) Watch out for false growth

v.26

Matthew 13:26

26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop,
then the tares also appeared.

Spiritual Imposters, False brothers

A Quality Assurance Test:

How many of you know Jesus Christ?

How many of you know other Christians who say they know Jesus Christ?

How many of you know a Christian that may not be a Christian at all?

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith,
giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

Jude 1:3

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. **4** For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 3:1-7

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: **2** For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, **4** traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **5** having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! **6** For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, **7** always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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3.) Watch out for false doctrine

v.27

Matthew 13:27

So the servants of the owner came and said to him, "Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?" **28** He said to them, "An enemy has done this."

THIS IS HAPPENING AT WARP SPEED THESE DAYS

Acts 20:27

For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. **28** Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. **29** For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. **30** Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

Galatians 1:6-9

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, **7** which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. **8** But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. **9** As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

“Tares” tend to “tear down” the works of God.

Do you know anyone who professes to be a Christian but seems to be called by God to critique, complain, mock, and put down another Christian or church?

THE PARABLE OF THE TARES

4.) Watch out for false leadership

v.28-29

Matthew 13:28-29

The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’
29 But he said, “No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.

A very “God Centered Grace” must be employed.

2 Peter 2:1-3

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. **2** And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. **3** By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

Ephesians 5:8-11

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light **9** (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), **10** finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. **11** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

THE PARABLE OF THE TARES

5.) Watch out for false fellowship

v.30

Matthew 13:30a

Let both grow together until the harvest,

They Are Growing Together Here and Everywhere!

This is both **troubling** and **comforting** at the same time.

Troubling because I know there are tares here. How do I know this? Because there is a good work going on here and Satan hates it.

Comforting because there is a good work going on here, Satan will not be able to prevail against it.

Church / Ministry Trials and Challenges Can Only Prove
the value and the genuineness of a real ministry of Jesus Christ.

Here's the litmus test

Fruit. Fruitfulness. Evidence. Tangible Holiness, Practical Godliness

Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness,
without which no one will see the Lord:

Jesus is not being cold here or rough.

Jesus is saying that the True Wheat will not be affected by the False Tares.

The Day of Judgment / Separation is Coming.

There is security here for all who are true Christians.
The doctrines and deceptions of false Christians are known to the child of God.

Self-Examination Time (everyday)

John 6:37

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I
will by no means cast out.

Matthew 13:30b

and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers,
"First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them

Matthew 13:30c

but gather the wheat into my barn." ' "

John 10:27-30

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. **28** And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. **29** My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father' s hand. **30** I and *My* Father are one."

So What's The Take Away of This.
Does a False Christian – a tare, know if they're false?

They can know if they match themselves against the Word of God.

1 Corinthians 11:31

For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

When we read the Bible, we need to be careful to read it into our lives. We need to ask God and search our hearts and apply the Bible to ourselves first.

Whenever our behavior is contrary to scripture
We need to ask ourselves if we really want to be like Jesus Christ.

If Jesus lives inside of you, He will not allow you to stay where you are at.
If you have never (1) been changed and (2) still changing, then there may be a problem with your faith – is it real and is it evidenced by your conduct?

Romans 8:14-16

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. **15** For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." **16** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Can I Issue this Warning – in Love?

Examine yourself to determine if you have slipped back into some old ways. Have the things of Jesus become routine and mundane?

Revelation 2:4-5

Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. **5** Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

I Wanna Invite You to Come Forward Tonight

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<

_____ *End of Study* _____

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