

## A Study of the Book of Matthew: Chapter 13 v. 24-32

After explaining the Parable of the Sower, Jesus presented another parable to the disciples, the Parable of the Wheat and Tares. (v. 24-30).

- Why is it that Jesus would compare the Kingdom of Heaven to a field? \_\_\_\_\_
  - As with the other parables, Jesus is once again finding a way to relate to the people he is speaking to.
  - Why does a farmer sow good seeds into a field? \_\_\_\_\_
    - The purpose of sowing seeds is produce a good crop. The seed isn't just meant to grow, but it is meant to be fruitful as we discussed in the Parable of the Sower.
  
- What does the enemy sow into the field amongst the wheat? \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 25)
  - The sowing of tares is especially deceitful. A Tare plant looked much like wheat when it was growing, but it wasn't until the plant is fully matured that a farmer would see it is not wheat.
    - What are some examples of tares amongst wheat that we can see in today's world?  
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    - Jesus is making two points here. Not only will the enemy sow seeds to work against us, there is potential for the enemy to be amongst us without us realizing it.
  
- What is the response of the servants when they realize there are tares in the field?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 26-27).
  - The servants are shocked to see the weeds amongst the crop, and question the master, but the master assures them that this was done by an enemy and not him.
  - Read 2 Corinthians 11:13-15.
    - Satan operates as a deceiver and will go to extreme measures to pull people away from Christ.
    - On the contrary, any acts that take people away from the Lord can NOT come from God. Read Galatians 5:19-21.
    - Just as God does not condone sin nor lead others to it, as believers, we must recognize that if something points away from Christ then it is not coming from Him.
  
- How does the Master instruct the servants to handle the situation they have found themselves in?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 28-30).
  - Even after we have been baptized into Christ, our struggle against sin and the devil is not over. However, we have assurance that when the harvest comes, we will inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Jesus then goes on to tell the Disciples the Parable of the Mustard Seed. (v. 31-32).**

- Why would Jesus comparing the Kingdom of Heaven to a Mustard Seed be significant?

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  - The Kingdom of Heaven much like a mustard seed started incredibly small, but has grown to a point where the number of believers is nearly uncountable.
  - Read Daniel 2:44-45
    - This is the promise that we have in God. Not only are we given assurance in Christ, but we are also promised to be a part of an eternal Kingdom that will be here long after all others are gone.