

THE WHEAT AND THE WEEDS

³⁴ All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. ³⁵ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.”

MATTHEW 13:34-35 ESV

²⁴ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which 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 blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. ²⁷ 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? ²⁸ He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? ²⁹ But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. ³⁰ 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.

MATTHEW 13:24-30 KJV

³⁶ Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. ³⁷ He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; ³⁸ The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; ³⁹ The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. ⁴⁰ As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. ⁴¹ The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; ⁴² And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

MATTHEW 13:36-43 KJV

IF I AM GENUINE WHEAT:

1. I SHOULD NOT BE DISCOURAGED BY THE EVIL IN THE WORLD

“God allows evil because genuine freedom is a greater good. A world without the possibility of choosing evil would not be truly free.”

C.S. LEWIS
THE PROBLEM OF PAIN (1940)

“Suffering often refines our character and draws us closer to God.”

C.S. LEWIS
THE PROBLEM OF PAIN (1940)

“The Cross as the Answer: God not only permits suffering, but enters into it through Christ. Christian Eschatology: Evil will not have the final word; God will restore all things.”

TIMOTHY KELLER
THE REASON FOR GOD (2008)

IF I AM GENUINE WHEAT:

2. IT IS NOT MY ROLE TO UPROOT THE WEEDS

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MATTHEW 13:28-29 KJV

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 PETER 3:9 KJV

“Final judgment belongs to God. We have both the right and the responsibility to exercise discernment, but never to pronounce the final verdict. The difference is crucial: discernment examines the fruit; judgment condemns.

JOHN MACARTHUR
THE MURDER OF JESUS

IF I AM GENUINE WHEAT:

3. IT IS MY RESPONSABILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT MY FRUIT IS GOOD

¹⁵ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. ¹⁶ Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? ¹⁷ Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. ²⁰ Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

MATTHEW 7:15-20 KJV

“True godliness consists not in judging the world, but in watching over our own hearts. The condemnation of others belongs to God; our responsibility is our own purification.”

R.C. SPROUL
THE HOLINESS OF GOD

“The fruit of your life is what people harvest when they know you. If you leave people better than you found them, you have borne fruit. If you leave them worse, then you are the problem, not a blessing.”

BILL JOHNSON

²² But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ROMANS 6:22-23 KJV

“The Christian must live consciously in the present, bearing the fruit of righteousness, because it is on the Day of Judgment that the true quality of that fruit will be revealed.”

SAMUEL PÉREZ MILLOS
EXEGETICAL COMMENTARY ON THE NEW TESTAMENT

IF I AM GENUINE WHEAT:

4. MY GOAL IS TO SHINE LIKE THE SUN IN THE KINGDOM OF MY FATHER

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MATTHEW 13:41-43 KJV