



# In the Weeds

MT. 13.24-30, 36-43

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*"He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.'" (Matthew 13:28, ESV)*

## Review the Sermon

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Read Mt. 13.24-30, 36-43.

Why is it important to see the field in this parable (representing God's kingdom) as the world rather than the church?

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Explain why the wheat and tares are a valuable reminder that "God creates and Satan counterfeits".

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What key principle is Jesus teaching in not uprooting the tares before harvest time?

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## Assess your Life

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How have you pursued God's creation in contrast to Satan's counterfeits?

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Have you ever been tempted to uproot yourself from unpleasant circumstances?

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What specific "causes of sin" (v.41) are you looking forward to being free from?

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## Apply the Truth

How must you grow spiritually to be a monument of the genuine goodness of your Creator?  
(personal character, marriage, family, business, etc.)

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If God has called you to stay in a difficult circumstance alongside unbelievers, what can you do to remain faithful and effective in the situation?

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How can anticipation of a future harvest motivate you to be faithful while surrounded by  
“causes of sin and...law-breakers”?

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## Commit this Week

Will you commit to remaining faithful in your present circumstances, and reflecting God’s authentic goodness to unbelievers around you, as you anticipate the final freedom of living in your Father’s kingdom?

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*“The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.” (Matthew 13:41–43, ESV)*