

²⁴ 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 / a degenerate kind of wheat; a weed. This enemy sowed weeds; check out Chris Pinto's documentary by this title;

tares among the wheat, and went his way.

²⁶ But when the blade sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also / this degenerate wheat; these weeds.



²⁷ So the servants of the householder came and asked him, Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? / even the servants obviously could see something happened that was inconsistent with what they knew about their master; and they wondered... why then does it have tares? / they were perplexed and couldn't figure out where the tares came from

²⁸ **He said to them an enemy has done this** / notice, he didn't even pause to think about it. He knew the answer.

The servants asked him, Do you want us to go and gather them up? / I'm sure... thinking they are being helpful; is it your desire then... that we go and gather up the tares? We'll do that for you!

²⁹ **But he said, No!** / without having to pause and think of the answer;

lest while you gather up the tares, you also root up the wheat with them / so this master, he counts the cost. He's a little bit of a risk taker! Wouldn't you say?! And he said, NO!

And Jesus clearly adds...

³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest.

To this verse, **John Calvin's words** are excellent. He says, There is a dangerous temptation that we should think there is NO church where perfect purity is <u>not</u> apparent. When a man is victim to this temptation, it must come to this: that either he will secede from everyone else, and think himself the only holy person in the world, or he will join with a few hypocrites in setting up a peculiar and strange church.

Archbishop Trench says, The later roman expositors and as many in the middle-ages wrote in the interest of Rome... they find a loop-hole whereby they may escape the prohibition. And as this roman leader thinks he substitutes for the householder, he concludes his exposition... with an exhortation... that they <u>imitate</u> the zeal of these servants! And require NO restraint in rooting out: heresies and heretics!



But the householder in the kingdom of God says:

NO! lest while you gather up the tares, you also root up the wheat with them.

Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers / so it sounds like he's already planned for the future, and the reapers are ready to go!

first gather together the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Now, what does this parable all mean? I mean, at least it has a happy ending... for some! So, let's jump to verse 36!

³⁶ Then Jesus sent the multitude away / and don't you sort of wonder... how many went away with what Jesus said going in one ear and out the other?! making no impression. Can you imagine sitting



the last days

shadows of things to come

the In-gathering

under the liveliest teaching from the liveliest teacher... with a dead, stupid, untouched heart? It is no hearing at all; if it is not with understanding.

and entered the house: and His disciples / those doing the math, came to Him, saying, Declare to us the parable of the tares of the field / so they are asking this lively Teacher... to help them fill in their gaps of understanding.

They were having a **metanoia moment**; a time to **change their thinking**; a time to **think differently**, a time to **think correctly**... turning to their Teacher and saying, Help us understand.

³⁷ He answered and said, He that sowed the good seed is the Son of Man;

³⁸ **The field is the world** / and for 2,000 years the religious clerics and theologians have argued with the Teacher... because they asked: Is that the church world... or the secular world?

Jesus said...

The field is the world / the real world, this world. So, let's go with Jesus because He makes things clear!

the good seed are the children of the kingdom / where God our Father in heaven governs; and provides His children with all the resources they need, even today;

but the tares are the children of the wicked one / the word is: poneros. In the New Testament, this word appears 76 times... Often it is translated: evil; but you know, some people don't think evil even exists. Now days, this generation celebrates what is: wicked. And if you want to know something scary... do a Word search for its synonyms in English; you discover its alternatives are: good, great, terrific, cool, fabulous, fantastic, impressive.... ALL synonyms for wicked. Check it out!. What is going on?



The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children... of the wicked one / the absolutely evil one.

As God is light and in Him NO darkness; so, Satan is darkness, and in him NO light, none at all! As Christ, the Messiah sent to Liberate God's people is the Truth -- the Sum of all Truth; so the wicked one has NO truth in him at all! He is the father of lies!

³⁹ And the enemy that sowed them is the devil / the enemy is always the devil; and the harvest is the end / the end-point; long after the time of the Gentiles comes to a close. Since this is a parable, these words are a composite of many final messianic events, as we step over the 3 remaining Days of the Lord that usher in the millennial kingdom of Messiah moving to what Peter calls: the Day of God

and the reapers are the angels.

- ⁴⁰ Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so it will happen at the end of the world.
- ⁴¹ The Son of man will send His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who do iniquity / those who are lawless; who neither love God more than all others; nor, lovingly prefer one another;
- ⁴² And His angels / the citizens of heaven will cast them in a furnace of fire.

It's interesting. In Jewish tradition of great antiquity... it said, Nimrod threw Abraham into a furnace of fire for refusing to worship. In Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar threw Shadrack, Meshach and Abednego into a furnace of fire. Antiochus Epiphanes used the fires at the time of the Maccabees. Herod the great—Herod... the great what?! Well, let's continue.... at the time of Jesus, Herod used the furnace of fire. Nero, when Rome was burning... burned the Christian martyrs... for entertainment. And the fires of the Inquisition burnt over whole centuries... of that worthless history... of that faithless church.

Tertullian / circa 200AD said, He who has once appointed an eternal judgment <u>after</u> the end of the world, does not hasten that separation which is the condition of judgment... <u>before</u> the end of the world.

Augustine / around 400AD asked: Do you dare to usurp the office of Another which even in the harvest shall not be yours?

Jerome / living at the same time as Augustine... who translated the Vulgate... he wrote, No one can take to himself the Office of Christ, or can judge of men... before the Day of judgment. If the Church has already been purified... what do we reserve for the Lord to do? Jesus says...

Let both grow together until the harvest.



And the Son of man will send His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all... that offend, and those who do iniquity / those who are lawless, and probably loveless, too.

and they will cast them in a furnace of fire, and there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth / Archbishop Trench says, This furnace of everlasting fire... points to some doom so intolerable that the Son of God came down from heaven and tasted all the bitterness of death that He might deliver us from ever knowing the secrets of anguish which, unless God is mocking men with empty threats are shut up in these terrible words.

And Jesus adds...

⁴³ Then the righteous will shine as the sun in the kingdom of their Father / immediately after that separation, can you imagine? as Jesus Himself was transformed and clothed in brilliant light on that Mount of Transfiguration. They will shine as glorious light... to God be the glory!

Who has ears? let him hear! / In other words: if your ears are functioning then use them!

This is My Father's World

JESUS, It is YOU

O Come Let Us Adore Him

God of Wonders

The Privileged Planet

Fibonacci in Nature; The Code of Life | We Came From Where?

We are grateful to God that the Saudi govt has preserved the Mountain of Moses