

# Parable of the Wheat and the Tares (Weeds)

## Matthew 13:24-30

<sup>24</sup> Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;

<sup>25</sup> but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.

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

<sup>27</sup> 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?’

<sup>28</sup> 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?’

<sup>29</sup> But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.

<sup>30</sup> 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.” ’ ’ ”

## Matthew 13:36-43

### Parable of the Weeds Explained

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.”

<sup>37</sup> He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

<sup>38</sup> The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom,

but the tares are the sons of the wicked *one*.

<sup>39</sup> The enemy who sowed them is the devil,

the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.

<sup>40</sup> Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.

<sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,

<sup>42</sup> and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!