

Tares and wheat Part

God is still in control

Matthew 13:24-30 Here is another story Jesus told: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew. “The farmer’s workers went to him and said, ‘Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?’ ““An enemy has done this!’ the farmer exclaimed. ““Should we pull out the weeds?’ they asked. ““No,’ he replied, ‘you’ll uproot the wheat if you do. Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.’

So tonight I want to examine this passage to help us get a clear understanding that God does have the whole world in his hand.

1. God is still actively involved in this world.

Vs. 24 The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field.

2. God plants intentionally

This has great significance for two reasons.

- **God believes in you and me to complete his work.**

Jesus after beating death, hell and the grave shouldn’t now be the time to set up shop on earth and redeem this world. The disciples sure do think so. So they asked,

“Lord are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel.”

Instead Jesus takes off and goes to heaven and leaves the redemption of mankind in our hands. *And says you will be my witnesses.*

All those who make Jesus the leader of their life are the good seed that Jesus is spreading throughout this world.

- **You are here for such a time as this.**

Esther 4:14 For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position **for such a time as this?**” VIV

Philippians 1:12-14 Now I want you to know, brothers, that ***what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.*** As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly. NIV

3. The enemy tries to stifle or destroy what God plants.

Vs. 25 But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away.

The weeds of the enemy are:

- **Disunity amongst believers**

John 17:21,23²¹ I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you.

And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me...May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. NLT

Quote: "In essentials -- unity, in non-essentials -- liberty, and in all things -- charity".

- **Living a SHADOW LIFE.**

Hebrew's 12:1...let us throw off everything that hinders and the **sin** that so easily **entangles**. NIV

- **Falling for good enough**

Mark 10 As Jesus was starting on his way again, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked him, Good Teacher, what must I do to receive eternal life? Why do you call me good? Jesus asked him. No one is good except God alone.¹⁹ You know the commandments: Do not commit murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not accuse anyone falsely; do not cheat; respect your father and your mother. Teacher, the man said, ever since I was young, I have obeyed all these commandments. Jesus looked straight at him with love and said, You need only one thing. Go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; then come and follow me.²² When the man heard this, gloom spread over his face, and he went away sad, because he was very rich. GNT

Revelations: 3:15,16 "I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! ¹⁶ But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! NLT

4. God will sort all things out.

Vs. 30 Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds,

John 21:21-22 ²¹ Peter asked Jesus, “What about him, Lord?” ²² Jesus replied, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? As for you, follow me. NLT