

"PARABLE OF THE WEEDS"

Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

Main Idea: The righteous and unrighteous currently coexist in the kingdom of heaven, but at the end of the age they shall be separated and assigned their eternal destinies.

The Sower sows good seed in his field (24)

The Sower is the Son of Man (37)

The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom (38)

The field is the world (38)

A Devious Enemy sows weeds in the same field (25)

The weeds are the sons of the evil one (38)

The enemy is the devil (39)

The Wheat and Weeds grow together in the same field (26)

The Servants' confusion and proposal (27, 28b)

The Master's knowledge and solution (28a, 29-30)

The harvest is the end of the age (39)

The reapers are angels (39)

The weeds are gathered and burned (40-42)

Thrown into *the* fiery furnace

A place of inconsolable misery

The wheat is gathered in barns (43)

Family Life Groups

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1. In the kingdom’s current form, the righteous and unrighteous coexist until the end of the age when they will be eternally separated. What does this “delay” teach us about God? What are the implications of this delay for you and your loved ones?

2. The sons of the evil one (all those who are not disciples of Jesus) will eventually be thrown into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (v. 42). How does this description of hell teach us about God? How does it affect your relationships with unbelievers?

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