



A just weight
and balance

are the
LORD'S:

Thus saith the Lord...

Matthew 13:24

He put another parable before them, saying,

"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field,

13:25 but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.

Matthew 13:26

So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also.

13:27 And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?'

Matthew 13:28

He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'

13:29 But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them.

• **Matthew 13:30**

**Let both grow together
until the harvest,**

• **and at harvest time I will
tell the reapers, Gather the
weeds first and bind them
in bundles to be burned,
but gather the wheat
into my barn.'"**

This Parable was spoken by our Lord immediately after the Parable of the Sower, and seems at first sight to be somewhat like it.

But if we examine it, we shall find it to be altogether different.

Here we have no difficulty; for in this Parable, as well as in that of the Sower, our Lord gives His own explanation. ■

When the multitude dispersed
the disciples

asked him to tell them
the meaning of what
He had been saying —

**“Declare unto us the
Parable of the tares
of the field.”**

Jesus says,

**“ The kingdom of
heaven**

is likened unto

**a man which sowed
good seed in his field.”**

A person is here represented
as sowing
“good seed”
in his field.

In the night some
mischievous enemy comes,
and scatters **“tares”**
in the same field.

The

“good seed”

**are the children
of the kingdom** ’

whom the Savior reckons
among His people, and who
will share His glory hereafter.

“Sleeping”

is to be understood
as the leading
of a day to day life.

The Devil
is called
the enemy,
because he is
always opposing
the will of the Most High

By the enemy
“going his way”,
is to be understood,
his concealing himself,
and pretending
to do no harm.

The natural man
is unaware that
the “enemy”
is always near
and ready to do him
the greatest harm.
(1 Peter 5:8)

The “weeds”

or

“tares”

mean all the

evil and false

principles of life.

And to bind them
in bundles

denotes that such principles
are interconnected.

The Devil being
the

“Father of Lies”.

(John 8:44)

**“Servants of the
Householder”**

are those who are
principled in
true knowledge
of truth,

The "**Tares**"
are a kind of grass
which very much
resembled wheat,
though utterly
worthless.

And is often
referred to as
"false wheat".

The enemy is not seen doing this

as he does it secretly at night,
while his neighbor is asleep.

The devil is a **crafty** one.

Too smart to do his deeds
openly.

Military leaders **never**
give their plan of attack
to the adversary.

In this parable
there is great surprise.

“ Sir, did you not sow
good seed in your field?
why then does it have tares?
(**Matthew 13:28**)

New converts
are often surprised
by this fact.

It would appear that
the thing to do would be
to gather up the false disciples.

And **expose** them.

After all they are doing
more harm than good.

But the Master objects
to their doing this.

The Master responds:

“ Never,”

he says, “

lest, while ye gather up the tares

you root up also

the wheat with them.

Let both grow together

till harvest time;

and then we will separate them.”

Now, what did He mean by
"the kingdom of heaven"?

(**Matthew 13:24**)

He certainly could not have
meant Heaven itself;

for there are
no tares there,
no evil ones there.

"The World",

He says,

"is the World

in which

we are now living.

(Matthew 13:38)

If
“the good seed”
are
the children of the kingdom,

What are
“the Tares”?
(**Matthew 13:38**)

They, says our Lord, are
“the children of
the wicked one”
false professors,
mock disciples.
(**Matthew 13:38**)

- **John 8:44**

You are of your father the devil,

**and your will is to do
your father's desires.**

- **He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him.**
- **When he lies, he speaks out of his own character,**
- **for he is a liar and the father of lies.**^{3.}

Satan is their
Master and **Father**.

(John 8:44)

He is the great
Enemy of Christ;

and uses every effort
to mar His work,
and to destroy His kingdom.

The Harvest,
is the end of the world;

and

the Reapers
are the Angels,

whom God will then employ to
gather together His elect.

(Matthew 13:39)

The Parable represents to us the
present and future state
of the church, or kingdom;

Christ's
care of it;

The **Devil's** enmity against it;

The **mixture** of
good and bad in it,

And the **separation**
between them

at the end of the world.

**Shall not
the Judge
of all the earth
do right?
(Genesis 18:25)**

Christ's kingdom
on earth

is His Church

There is, and always has
been, a mixture of
bad with the **good**,
of **false** with the **true**.

Just as in a field
there will always be
a mixed crop;

Take what pains you may,
there will be **weeds** and
blighted ears among the com;
so it is in the church.

There have always been
false prophets.

There were Prophets,
“who wore a rough garment
to deceive.”

(**Zechariah 13:4**)

There were
Priests and Rulers,
who put on
a mere cloak of godliness.

In the early Christian Church
too there were

Ananias and **Sapphira**,

and other false Brethren, who “
crept in unawares.”

(Jude 1:4)

And who could forget

Judas the Traitor.

Sometimes we are
ready to ask,
How can this be?

Can that be a
true Church,
in which there are
false members?

Where is that
“glorious church,”
which Paul speaks of,
not having spot or wrinkle,
or any such thing,
but holy and
without blemish?
(**Ephesians 5:27**)

The Church will be pure one day,
but not now.

The Tares will be gathered out,
but not yet.

Jesus foresaw exactly
how it would be.

He prepared us to expect it.

**One of the great
objects of Satan**

is to sow Tares
among the Wheat.

His **grand aim** is to
spoil the work of Christ.

In Matthew 16:18

Jesus promised:

**The gates of hell
shall not prevail against it.**

- Satan's aim is to sow **discord among the brethren.**
- He breaks up unity, **and causes divisions.**
- **Satan** may have been the first to use the adage:
 - **United they stand,**
divided they fall.

- Regarding divisions in the Church,
the Apostle Paul wrote:

- 1Corinthians 1:10

I appeal to you, brothers,
by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

- # 1 that all of you agree,
- # 2 and that there be
no divisions among you,
- # 3 but that you be united
in the same mind
and the same judgment.

Let us not be surprised then,

if even among
the people of God
Satan sows his Tares.

Let us be prepared for it,
and say,

“**An enemy hath done this'**
(Matthew 13:28)”

It is to our folly
to try and separate the
“wheat” from the “tares”.

Let us not be
“puffed up”

(**2 Timothy 3:4**)

Meaning that some have a
distorted view of themselves
as compared with others.

Thank God, we are

not sent

to judge the world,

but to spread the knowledge
of salvation in it.

If we attempt it
we shall make

most grievous blunders.

Perhaps we shall
thrust out many a
humble believer;
and perhaps we
shall let in many a
hypocrite.

Oh, what wisdom is there
in those words,

Judge nothing before the time;

(1 Corinthians 4:5)

In order to balance that out

Jesus said:

Judge not according

to the appearance,

but judge righteous judgment.

(John 7:24)

A time of Separation
will surely come.

Revelation 14:14-15

14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud [*one*] sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, **and in his hand a sharp sickle.**

Revelation 14:14-15

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

The Son of man,
“ shall send forth his
angels, and they shall
gather out of his kingdom
all things that offend,
and them that do iniquity
(Matthew 13:41)

Christ will then have
a pure Church.

His
people shall be
all righteous.
(Isaiah 60:21)

Then shall
the righteous
“shine forth
as the sun
in the kingdom
of their Father.”
(**Matthew 13:43**)

We learn from this
parable, that man is placed
here below

between two kingdoms,

the kingdom of light

and

the kingdom of darkness,

Having thus endeavoured
to make clear
the Parable
let us now dwell
on some of
the different points in it.

- **# 1** It teaches us that there is always a hostile power in the world,
- Seeking and waiting to destroy the good seed.

- Our experience is that **both kinds of influence** act upon our lives,
 - That which helps the seed of the word **to flourish and to grow,**
 - and that which seeks **to destroy the good seed** before it can produce fruit at all.
 - The lesson is that **we must be for ever on our guard.**

- **# 2** It teaches us how hard it is to distinguish between those who are in the Kingdom and those who are not.

- A man may appear to be good

and

may in fact be bad;

- And a man may appear to be bad

and

may yet be good.

- **# 3** It teaches us not to be so quick with our judgments.
- A man in the end will be judged, not by any single act or stage in his life, but by his whole life.

- Judgment cannot come
until the end.
- A man may make a great mistake,
and then redeem himself
at the eleventh hour.
(**Matthew 20:6**)
- A man may live an honorable life
and then in the end
wreck it all by a sudden
collapse into sin.

- **# 4** It teaches us that Judgment is not hasty, but judgment comes.
- It is God's timetable and not ours.
 - 2 Peter 3:8

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

- **# 5** It teaches us that the only person with the right to judge is God.

- **Luke 16:15**

And he said to them,

"You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts."

- What kind
of see
is sown
in your heart?

**Doors of the church
are open.**

Spirit & Bride Say

“Come” .

Revelation 22:17