

THE PARABLE OF THE TARES AMONG THE WHEAT  
(Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43)

- I. The Parable (Matthew 13:24-30)
  - A. He's using a metaphor for the "KINGDOM of HEAVEN"
  - B. It is SIMILAR to the first, but quite DIFFERENT in the details
    - 1. A man sowing GOOD SEED in HIS field
    - 2. Another sowed TARES/WEEDS among the WHEAT
      - a. Described as "his ENEMY"
      - b. Done while "his men were SLEEPING"
    - 3. The weeds became EVIDENT as the wheat produced GRAIN
    - 4. Servants asked if he wanted THEM to PULL OUT the WEEDS
    - 5. He told them "NO," lest they DAMAGE the WHEAT
    - 6. He would send REAPERS to GATHER and BURN the weeds and to SECURE all the wheat in his BARN
- II. The Explanation (Matthew 13:36-43)
  - A. Given at the REQUEST of His DISCIPLES (13:36)
    - 1. They had greater ACCESS to the TEACHER

2. They had greater DESIRE to UNDERSTAND

B. Defined the DETAILS

1. Identified the SOWER as the “SON of MAN” (13:37)

2. Identified the FIELD as “the WORLD” (13:38a)

3. Identified the GOOD SEED as “the SONS of the kingdom” (13:38b)

a. They are PLANTED by CHRIST

b. They are found GLOBALLY

4. Identified the TARES/WEEDS as “the sons of the EVIL ONE” (13:38c)

5. Identified the ENEMY who sowed them as “the DEVIL” (13:39a)

6. Says the HARVEST will come at “the END of the AGE” (13:39b)

7. Says the REAPERS are ANGELS (13:39c)

C. Explained the eschatological SIGNIFICANCE (13:40-43)

1. JESUS is the sovereign eschatological JUDGE (13:40-41a)

2. EVIL-DOERS face inevitable eschatological JUSTICE (13:41b-42)

3. The RIGHTEOUS anticipate eternal eschatological JOY (13:43)