

The Kingdom Parables
The Wheat and the Weeds
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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The parable g i v e n (Matthew 13:24-30)

“The kingdom of heaven is like...”

The parable e x p l a i n e d (Matthew 13:36-43)

- Sower: J e s u s
- *The Field*: Is the w o r l d
- *Good Seed*: the f o l l o w e r s of Jesus - sons of the k i n g d o m
- *Weeds*: u n b e l i e v i n g people - sons of the e v i l one
- *The Enemy*: S a t a n
- *The Harvest*: the e n d of this p r e s e n t age
- *The Harvesters*: the a n g e l s in heaven

The parable's p o i n t:

The *righteous and unrighteous* will live t o g e t h e r until the end of this p r e s e n t age when God will s e p a r a t e the *sons of the kingdom* from the *sons of the evil one* for their eternal d e s t i n i e s.

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The parable applied :

I am to live today as the righteous son (and daughter) of the kingdom of heaven.

I am to grow and bear fruit as I patiently wait for God's time and vindication.

To think about:

In what ways am I tempted to compromise my true identity as a Christian to fit in with the unbelieving people around me? Give some examples. How do I avoid that danger?

Is my life more typical of the character of the wheat or more typical of the character of the weeds? In what ways?

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ

