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The New Testament!
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
"The Parable of the Weeds, Explained"!

Matthew 13:24-30, (ESV) The parable of the weeds
Matthew 13:36-43, The Parable of the Weeds
Explained

Introduction

So after sharing the teaching on the mustard seed and the yeast He went into the house and they followed Him there and wanted an explanation 2 weeks ago we looked at...

1. If the devil is about doing this we should be aware and constantly on the lookout!
2. The presence of the lost in the assembly should not be allowed for an excuse to come to Christ!
3. No one should take comfort in any known and willful sin!

The Parable Explained!

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."

The multitude went away (as most people do from sermons) never the wiser, understanding nothing of what they heard, nor caring to understand it

37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

Jesus came into the world to sow the seed leading to the kingdom of heaven

38 The field is the world (all inhabitants), and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one.

The field is the world

That world includes the local church

39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

The devil is the sower of evil men

and the reapers are angels

Can we not rejoice that they are not mere men

The time of reaping is surely growing near

40 Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, 42 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

All things that offend and are not of God will be gathered out of the world

This will happen on that last day

burned with fire

and throw them into the fiery furnace

Not to a destruction or annihilation but to eternal torment

there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth

But they will be removed from their association with the righteous and will go into that

fiery furnace

Jesus, the Son of Man will do this with authority

"the furnace of fire" speaking of the awfulness of the torment

The "wailing" demonstrates the anguish

The "gnashing of teeth" shows there is no remedy for their situation

43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

With the cloud associated with the wicked being gone

the righteous will shine like the sun

The kingdom was always their Father's and now they will be seen as His children and heirs

Let the righteous hear this with delight

The godly and the ungodly will be perfectly separated at judgement

1. Good and evil will always be found together
We find converted and the unconverted in every church (credit)

J.C. Ryle, the Bishop, says, "*the best preaching and teaching will not prevent this*".

The best practiced church discipline will not prevent it

Augustine says, "*we pray those that are weeds today may be wheat tomorrow*".

Jesus foresaw and told us that His field would contain wheat and weeds

2. The godly and the ungodly will be perfectly separated at judgement

There will be a day of separation between the godly and ungodly members of the visible church

41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, 42 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The mighty harvesters of the Lord will make no mistake

The teaching allows no mistake

43b He who has ears, let him hear.

- a. let the ungodly, indifferent, unconverted repent and turn to God
Romans 2:5 (ESV) But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.
Richard Baxter says, "we must not misinterpret God's patience with the ungodly"!
- b. the followers of Christ should take comfort in this parable
The voice of the angel and the trumpet sound will not strike fear in the godly
- c. then the saints will shine
43a Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.
Matthew Henry says, "their sanctification will be perfected and their justification will be published"!
And everyone will see it

Shepherds, watchmen, don't need to fall asleep at the wheel!

The devil never sleeps, he is always planting his people in the church to cause trouble

Parents are never to fall asleep at the wheel

Children must be brought up in the ways of God

Read Mt. 13.24-30, 36-43

Discuss that everyone in the church will not be true followers of Jesus