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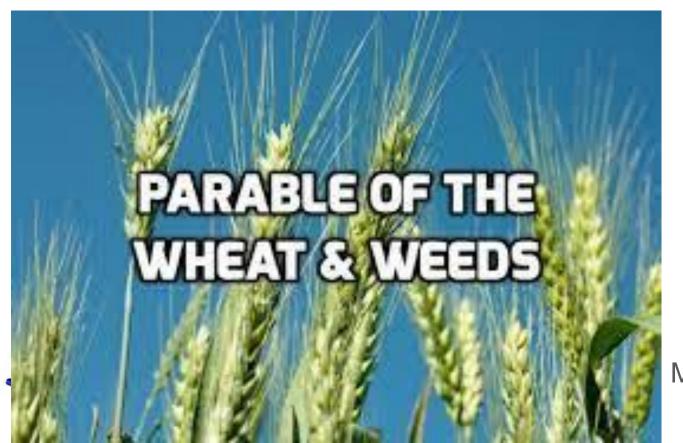
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#### Parable of Wheat and Weed



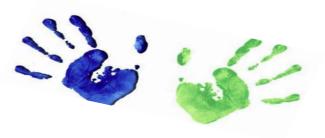


Matthew 13:24-31

In our daily life, the good and evil are usually mixed together.

What should we do in our daily life? What kind of attitude should we have?

Today, we are going to read the parable of wheat and weed told by Jesus. We should not only know what the kingdom of God is, but also know what should we do in our real life.



Matthew 13:24

Jesus told them another parable:





## "The kingdom of heaven is like





## a man who sowed







## But while everyone was sleeping,





# his enemy came





and sowed weeds among the wheat,





# and went away.





When the wheat sprouted and formed heads,





# then the weeds also appeared.





### The owner's servants came to him





Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field?





#### Where then did the weeds come from?





## 'An enemy did this,' he replied.







The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'



# 'No,' he answered





because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them.





Let both grow together until the harvest.





#### At that time I will tell the harvesters:







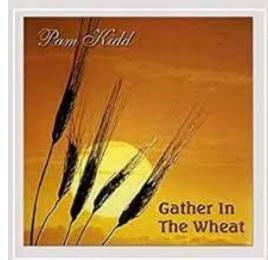
### and tie them in bundles







# then gather the wheat







## and bring it into my barn



What does Jesus' parable mean?





The enemy who sowed weed represents the Devil.

The good seed represents people who listen to and respond to God's word. These are the people who belong to the Kingdom of God and who will go to Heaven at the end of

The sower and his servants represents Jesus and his followers.

In this allegory,

time.

The weeds represent those people who do not listen to God's word, they are "sons of the evil one" who will go to the fiery furnace of hell at the end of time.

The harvest workers are the angels and harvest time is the end of the age.

This means that on Earth, good and bad people will grow and live together. The Kingdom of God will be present amongst the evil of the world. At the end of time people will be separated into their eternal destiny.

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(1)

The Kingdom of Heaven has come but not yet.

The Kingdom of Heaven is not a kingdom built by man, but a perfect eternal kingdom that God prepared for us.

Today we all are now in the great process building the Kingdom of Heaven -- all of us have to make a decision to be the wheat or the weed -- the children of the light or the children of destruction.





What can we learn from Jesus' parable?

(2)

Do not care about the devils but behold on Jesus.

Do not care too much about the pandemic and all kinds of bad news on the internet, but behold on Jesus.

Do not care too much about the false teachings, the heresies in social media, but behold on Jesus.

Do not care too much about the gossip around us, but behold on Jesus.













(3) Know your enemy who they are, but do not beat or fight your enemy.

#### Jesus said:

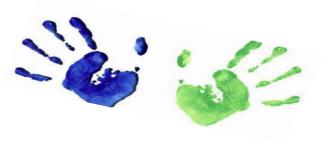
"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: **Love your enemies** and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?" (Mat5:43-46 NIV)





"Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord." (Rom12:19 NIV)





#### Let's Pray:

Heavenly Father thank you for choosing us to be your children. Thank you for your redemption and salvation through Jesus Christ on the Cross. You are the rock. Your works are perfect and all your ways are just. A faithful God who do no wrong. Upright and justice is you.

God please help us to give us strength and courage to be able to love not only the brothers and sisters but also our enemies. We count on you. You must increase, I must decrease. Pray in name of Jesus. Amen.



