

## “Where Seeds Grow”

### Matthew 13

24 Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. 27 “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ 28 ““An enemy did this,’ he replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ 29 ““No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

### What’s true about seed:

- **They start out small...**

- **They look similar...**

- It’s easy to confuse good seed with bad seed...
- Until they start to mature you can’t always tell the difference...

- **They Grow in the right conditions...**

Plant Biology: Seeds germinate when 3 needs are met: water, temperature, and location.

### 1. God is the sower of Good Seed

Vs. 24 “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

Jesus likens this good seed to Wheat:

Wheat is a whole grain...

Wheat from the beginning has been used to make bread...

Wheat has also been considered a go to for the first meal of the day;

Breakfast Cereal...

This reminds me of what Jesus said

### **John 6:35**

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

### **Psalms 63:1**

O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You;  
My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You  
In a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

There is a picture here of Jesus being the nourishment that we need for our hungry and thirsty soul.

In God there is Good Seed:

- The Good seed grows when you water it...
- The Good seed grows in the right temperature...
- The Good seed grows in the right location...

*We water the seed of God when we spend time in his presence and in his Word...*

### **Jude 20-21**

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

*The good seed grows when we keep our hearts warm...*

### **1 Peter 1**

22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.<sup>[b]</sup>

23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For, "All people are like grass,

and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;  
the grass withers and the flowers fall,

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but the word of the Lord endures forever."

## **1 John 3:14**

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other.

*The good seed grows as we remain where God has planted us...*

Transformation takes Time

Story: Old Prescription Glasses

The Seed of God will grow up on the inside of you...

The Plan of God will mature in you...

You will be transformed as you remain in Him...

In the Days ahead you will suddenly realize just how much he has done; if you remain where God has planted you...

## **2. The Enemy is the sower of Bad Seed**

### **Matthew 15**

10 Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. 11 What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”

17 “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? 18 But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. 20 These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

These are the Bad Seeds the enemy has plants...

These are the things Jesus said come out of a person and defile them: evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

- The seed the enemy plants grows when we water it...
  - The seed the enemy plants grows in the right temperature...
  - The seed the enemy plants grows in the right location...
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- The Bad Seed will remain harmless at first but will grow in the right environment and will eventually bring a harvest of trouble

### **Galatians 6:7**

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

- The Bad seed will remain harmless at first but will eventually be exposed

### **Luke 18:7**

17 For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open.

Everyone of us at times will have to deal with the bad seeds...  
The enemy will do everything he can to plant them in your heart...

When he does God has a weed killer called the Word of God...  
And time with God in Prayer and Worship...

### **God is the sower of Good Seed**

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*The good seed grows when we keep our hearts warm...*

*The good seed grows as we remain where God has planted us...*