

MYSTERY & MAJESTY

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Until the Harvest

****All scriptures use the English Standard Version (ESV) unless indicated otherwise****

- A biblical worldview – interpreting the world around us according to scripture.
- Parables are kingdom teachings being revealed to only those who desire to know the kingdom.
- They are judgment on those who do not care to know about the kingdom.
- This message is rooted in the grand overarching narrative of scriptures – creation, the fall, redemption, the end & judgement, and the new creation.

Matthew 13:24-30 24 He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went

away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. 27 And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ 28 He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ 29 But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”””

Cultural context –

- ❖ Darnel weed (false wheat).
- ❖ Early growth looks identical to wheat.
- ❖ It is poisonous.
- ❖ By maturity, roots are intertwined.

Matthew 13:36 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 disciples are modeling for us good discipleship.

Matthew 13:37-43 37 He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 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. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

- ❖ The sower is **the Son of Man (Jesus)**.
- ❖ The field is **the world (he owns it)**.

- ❖ The good seed are **the sons of the kingdom.**
- ❖ The weeds are **the sons of the evil one.**
- ❖ The enemy is **the devil.**
- ❖ The harvest is **the end of the age.**
- ❖ The reapers are **angels.**

- In the first parable, the seed is the Word sown into hearts.
- In this parable, the seed is the people of the kingdom sown into the world.
- The kingdom has an enemy.
- Discerning of spirits is necessary because you are dealing with spiritual warfare.
- False wheat and false prophets.
- They are sons of the kingdom and the devil.
- Grace to give people time to repent until the day of judgment.
- Wheat and weeds do not grow over night.
- You can tell difference by its posture.



Image of Wheat & Weeds (Darnel)

- We will all give an account to God.
- V42 weeping and gnashing of teeth – Some will be crying and saying sorry. Some will be filled with anger.
- God's patience is not the absence of judgment. It is the delay before judgment calling you to repentance.