

Sermon Notes
August 11, 2019 – Matthew 13:24-43
Jesus Stories 3: The Unmixed Mixture

Summary: Sometimes it is hard for us to understand why bad things happen in this world. In the story of the Wheat and the Weeds, Jesus not only explains why this is so, He also shows us how we can part of making a greater eternal difference for good in the world.

Intro: The death of Carson Crimeni

- A. Why do these things happen?
- B. When will there be justice?
- C. What are we supposed to do?

I. The Parable of the Sower (Mt. 13:1-23)

- A. In this parable, the _____ represents the message about the Kingdom of Heaven
 - 1. The Kingdom of Heaven is life with _____
 - a. Where God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit is our Lord & _____
 - b. And we live as His subject under His loving & gracious _____
- B. In this parable, Jesus explains why some people hear the Gospel message and godly fruit is produced in their lives while that does not happen in the lives of others
 - 1. Some hearts are _____ & impenetrable to the Gospel message because they don't understand it

2. Some hearts have rocky places that are not _____ to God
3. Some hearts are infested with weeds of _____ about life's concerns or the deceitfulness of wealth
4. Some hearts are soft, open and fertile. Those hearts produce a _____ of 30, 60 or 100 times what was planted.

C. In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus is telling us that it is very important for us to tend our own _____

II. The Parable of the Wheat & the Weeds (Mt. 13:24-30, 36-43)

A. In this parable, the farmer is Jesus, the field is the world and the seed He is planting are the people of the _____, those who believe in Jesus.

1. In this story, Jesus is not the only one planting. During the night, the _____ sows weed seeds and weeds, which are people that belong to him, begin to grow up among the wheat (Mt. 13:25-26)
2. The workers (God's angels) are _____ (v. 27) "Where did [the weeds] come from?"
3. Jesus exclaims, "An enemy has done this!" (v. 28)

3. The question is “Am I willing to live as a broken person in a broken world among other broken people and to accept a delay of God’s justice and perhaps to suffer opposition, suffering and even death for following Jesus, so that more people will have time to repent and be able to enjoy life with God for all eternity?”

Conclusion:

- A. Jim Elliot & his 4 friends
- B. Steve Saint and Mincaye Enquedi
- C. Application: How does this message apply to your life?

- B. Why do bad things happen in this world? An enemy has done this
 1. Generally speaking, people are not evil, but they (and us) can be _____ by the evil one for his purposes. (Eph. 6:12)
 2. There are 2 kinds of evil
 - a. The kind that _____ human being may encounter
 - b. The kind that _____ face for being followers of Jesus
- C. We want to purge the world of evil now
 1. We are like the _____: “Should we pull up the weeds now?”
 2. Jesus gives us a very surprising answer: “No, you’ll uproot the wheat if you do. Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.” (v. 30)

III. "Let the Wheat & the Weeds Grow Together" (Mt. 13:30)

- A. The purging of all evil & the execution of God's perfect justice is going to be _____ until the end of time. Why?
1. Some people will have their _____ uprooted before it gets a chance to be established
 2. And that will result in fewer people in the new _____ and earth to come (2 Peter 3:9)
 3. It is because God wants to be _____ with His salvation that His justice is going to be delayed
- B. Jesus is also telling us that believers & unbelievers were meant by God to live & grow _____
1. It is a _____ thing when we live in relationship with our unbelieving family members, friends, co-workers & neighbours
 2. It is good for those who _____ believe because God can work through the lives of the believers among them to draw the unbelievers closer to God

3. How can it be good for a believer to live among unbelievers, especially those who are strongly opposed to the Christian faith?
 - a. It depends on how you define "_____"
 - i. Personal comfort & vindication
 - ii. Or the growth of God's kingdom
 - b. It is good for _____ to live among unbelievers
 - i. It motivates us to ask deeper questions about our _____
 - ii. That helps our faith to grow _____
 - iii. And helps us to _____ more on God
 - iv. Jesus can use our deeper faith and greater reliance to produce more _____ for God's Kingdom
- C. One day Jesus will come back to this world to straighten out all the injustice with God's perfect justice
1. But God is willing to be _____ with His justice so He can be generous with His salvation (Mt. 24:14; 1 Tim. 2:4)
 2. God has been very patient with His justice and very generous with His salvation toward _____