

ACTS - FROM RESURRECTION TO REVELATION

Lesson 14

Review: Satan continues to stop the Church after the first martyr only resulted in the first missionaries. Having failed at introducing sin into the Church by Ananias, and fear into the Church by Saul, he now introduces the first "tare" - Simon Magus.

I. How Tares Are Sown - Matthew 13:24-30

- A) Satan targets fields of good SEED - vs. 13:24
- B) Satan waits for men to SLEEP - vs. 13:25
 - 1) Lack of spiritual power in preaching
 - 2) Lack of spiritual discernment in leading them to trust Christ
 - 3) Lack of spiritual vigilance in receiving into fellowship
- C) Satan counts on long-term SITUATION - vs. 13:26-30

II. What Causes One To Be A Tare? - Acts 8:5-13

Whether it is trusting in the "wrong thing" or for the "wrong reason", there are many motives behind a "false profession"...

- A) The motive to be delivered from my PROBLEMS
Marital, physical, financial, legal, but not their spiritual peril.
- B) The motive to gain or maintain POPULARITY
 - 1) To fulfill relational needs - *their significant other*
 - 2) To fulfill social needs - *their sense of community*
 - 3) To fit within cultural trends - *their sense of self-worth*
- C) The motive to advance their own personal PURPOSES - *II Pet. 2*
 - 1) Their purpose of personal PROMINENCE - vs. 1-3
 - 2) Their purpose of personal PASSIONS - vs. 12-14
 - 3) Their purpose of personal PROSPERITY - vs. 15-19

III. Tares May Change Everything...But The Heart - Acts 8:13-25

- A) A wrong heart is bound to wrong AMBITIONS - vs. 14-21
- B) A wrong heart is bound to wrong ATTITUDES - vs. 22 - 23a
- C) A wrong heart is bound to wrong AFFECTIONS - vs. 23b
- D) A wrong heart is bound to wrong ASSUMPTIONS - vs. 24