

Session 4 | Parable of The Wheat And Tares | Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

Memory Verse:

**"So faith comes from hearing,
and hearing through the
Word of Christ."**

Romans 10:17 / ESV

Session 4 | Opening Discussion:



1. Read and explain Romans 10:17:
2. In the context of the Scriptures, what does it mean to be a true believer?

Main Point: Jesus illustrates the reality of true and false believers in the world, along with a reminder of His final judgment.

Matthew 13:24-30; *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."'"*

Matthew 13:36-43, *"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." 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."*

Unpacking the Parable:

The Sower (Jesus): The one who sows the good seed is Jesus, the Son of Man, who spreads His good seed—the redeemed believer—in the world.

The Field (The World): The world in which both good and evil coexist.

The Good Seed (Wheat): Those who are the children of the kingdom, believers in Jesus.

The Weeds (Tares): Those who are children of the evil one, those who do not truly believe.

The Enemy (Devil): The one who sows the weeds is the devil, who adversely influences the world.

The Harvest (End of the Age): The final judgment, when God will separate the righteous from the wicked (wheat from the tares)

The Reapers (Angels): The angels will faithfully and precisely execute God's judgment at the end of time.

Key Take-aways:

- 1. We see the patience of God**
- 2. We see that enemy is at work in the world**
- 3. We see the significance of godly discernment**
- 4. We see that there is a final reckoning**



Discussion Questions:

1. What does the parable teach us about the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven?
2. What is our responsibility as "servants" in the field of God, and what is God's alone to do?

Praise and Prayer Requests: