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## **Weeds in the Wheat: Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43**



The parable of the Weeds in the Wheat  
- Why does evil exist?



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Matthew

Who, why, for whom?

Not anti-semitic, anti religiosity

More eschatology

Beware!

Use your mind

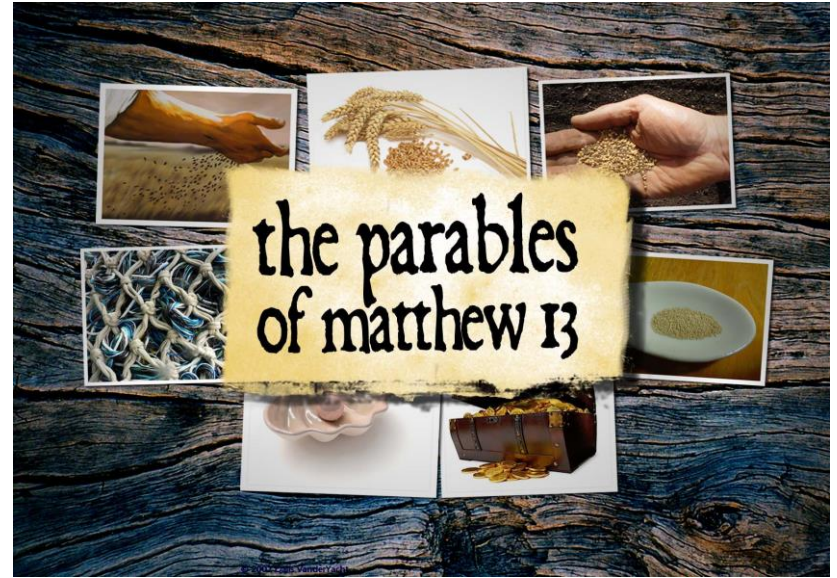
Prayerfully seek revelation

Mystery will remain



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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.’”



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### Botany:

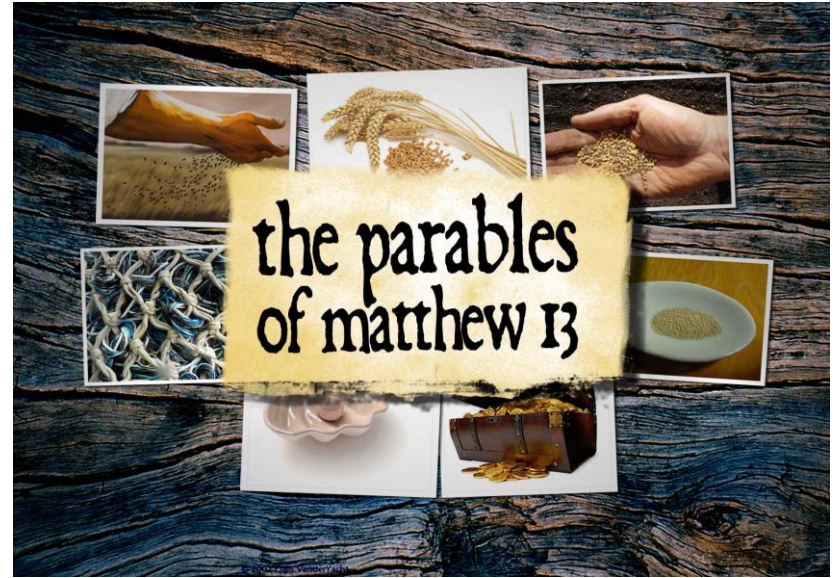
- darnel
- can get infected then poisonous
- Roman Law
- Not Agrarian advice





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36 Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

37 He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

40 “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.



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God sows wheat, the good seed - NOT weeds

You have no authority to uproot weeds - forbidden



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Going Deeper 13:41

Causes of sin

*skandala* - stumbling blocks

Evildoers

*poiountas ten anomian* - poet of lawlessness



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Read the bible - not just bits you like!

the hell is in the NT - as is the salvation

God wants everyone to come into the Kingdom

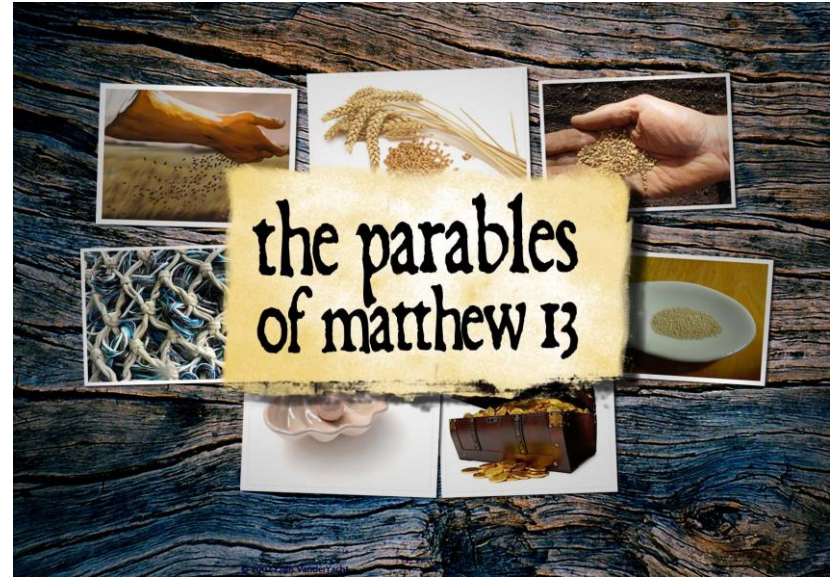
Peter 2:3-9





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God sows wheat, the good seed - NOT weeds

The weeds will be destroyed - no sin, no suffering - we win

God's job to judge - you are forbidden

- you have enough to do - go do it