

The Parables Of Jesus

Lesson 4

The Parable Of The Tares (Mt. 13:24-30, 36-43)

Where & When: Same as *The Parable Of The Sower* [see page 7]

Occasion Producing The Parable:

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Questions:

- 1) Some see this parable as a "natural follow-up" to *The Sower* (Mt. 13:3-9, 18-23). What are the similarities? Do you see any differences emphasized?
- 2) Identify the following "parable particulars." List the verse that indicates your answer.
 - a) The sower _____
 - b) The field _____
 - c) The wheat (*good seed*) _____
 - d) The tares (*bad seed*) _____
 - e) The enemy _____
 - f) The harvest _____
 - g) The reapers _____
- 3) Define "tares."
- 4) What is emphasized about the enemy's actions in v. 25? (cp. Gen. 3:1; 2 Cor. 2:11; 11:14)
- 5) What is implied about the growth of both crops before v. 26? [*Important to the story*]
- 6) What did the workers want to do? (v. 28) How did the landowner respond? (vv. 29-30)

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- 7) What did Daniel prophesy re: the Lord's kingdom? (**Dan. 2:34-35, 44**) Yet, in what kind of world does this parable teach us His kingdom has to exist?

- 8) How does this refute the premillennial notion of all evil being removed before the kingdom comes?

- 9) Some believe the parable teaches "tolerance"...even prohibiting church discipline. How would you respond to this assertion?

- 10) Be able to explain how the parable addresses each of the following:
 - a) Satan (**1 Jn. 5:19**)

 - b) Our role in God's plan (*not landowner nor reaper, but what?*)

 - c) God's wisdom at the last harvest

 - d) Judgment of unfaithful servants (**2 Tim. 3:5a; Gal. 6:7-9**)