

*Tares Among Wheat

Matthew 13: 24-30,36-43

* Did you know that this grain is cultivated all over the world, in every continent, except Antarctica.

* In US Kansas is the largest producer, about 20% of total wheat production.

* Justfunfacts.com/interesting-facts-about-wheat

* **Wheat**



* Matthew 13: 24-30



* Matthew 13: 36-43

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- * He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

* **Matthew 13:24,37**

- * Son of Man came not to be ministered, but to minister (Mat 10:45),
- * Son of Man must suffer many things (Luke 9:22),
- * Had given him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man (John 5:27),
- * The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath (Mat 12:8),
- * the Son of Man send forth His angels (Mat 13:41).

* A Man

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*...the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom...

***Mat 13: 24, 38**

- * the seed belongs to Jesus
- * the seed is in His hands
- * the seed is sown in His field
- * the seed goes in the soil first, the tares are sown later under dubious circumstances
- * the seed grows and produces crop

* **Good seed**

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* **Matthew 13:24**

* ... in His
field...

* The field is
the world

* **Matthew 13: 24, 38**

*“The field,” Christ said, “is the world.” But we must understand this as signifying the church of Christ in the world. The parable is a description of that which pertains to the kingdom of God, His work of salvation of men; and this work is accomplished through the church. True, the Holy Spirit has gone out into all the world; everywhere it is moving upon the hearts of men; but it is in the church that we are to grow and ripen for the garner of God.

* E G White - Christ's Object Lesson p. 70

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* Matthew 13:25

*Behold, He that keepeth
Israel shall neither slumber,
nor sleep.

*Psalm 121: 4

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*Matthew 13:25

* ...his enemy...

* The enemy
who sowed
them is the
devil,

* **Matthew 13: 25, 39**

- *the enemy is not an indifferent enemy,
- *has evil intent,
- *has a work method
- *has right tools
- *he does not care
- *he is uncalled for

*His enemy

*but while men slept, his enemy came and **sowed tares** among the wheat and went his way.

***Matthew 13:25**

*...tares...

*the tares are
the sons of the
wicked one

***Matthew 13: 25, 38**

*The tares represent a class who are the fruit or embodiment of error, of false principles. “The enemy that sowed them is the devil.” Neither God nor His angels ever sowed a seed that would produce a tare. The tares are always sown by Satan, the enemy of God and man.

* *E G White - Christ's Object Lesson p. 70*

- *1 a: the **seed of a vetch**. b: any of several vetches (especially *Vicia sativa* and *V. hirsuta*)
- *2 : a **weed of grain fields especially of biblical times that is usually held to be the darnel**.
- *3 tares plural : an **undesirable element**

* <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/tare>

* tares

A close-up photograph of several green wheat stalks. The wheat heads are in the early stages of growth, showing distinct spikelets. The leaves are long and narrow, with some showing signs of insect damage or disease. The background is a soft-focus green.

**The
Wheat**

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A close-up photograph of green tares stalks. The tares heads are elongated and have a more complex, multi-seeded structure compared to wheat. The leaves are also long and narrow. The background is a soft-focus green.

**The
Tares**

* In the East, men sometimes took revenge upon an enemy by strewing his newly sown fields with the seeds of some noxious weed that, while growing, closely resembled wheat. Springing up with the wheat, it injured the crop and brought trouble and loss to the owner of the field. So it is from enmity to Christ that Satan scatters his evil seed among the good grain of the kingdom. The fruit of his sowing he attributes to the Son of God. By bringing into the church those who bear Christ's name while they deny His character, the wicked one causes that God shall be dishonored, the work of salvation misrepresented, and souls imperiled.

* *E G White - Christ's Object Lesson p. 71*

* Not all that is sown in the field is good grain. The fact that men are in the church does not prove them Christians.

* *E G White Christ's Object Lesson p.74*

*But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.

*Matthew 13: 26

*You shall know them by
their fruits

*Matthew 7: 16, 20

*So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'

*Matthew 13:27

* ...Know you not, that to Whom ye yield yourself servants to obey his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness...

* **Romans 6: 16**

- * they are attentive, observant.
- * they care: for their Master's field, for the plants, for the harvest.
- * they are watchful, on guard,
- * they go to their Master when they notice anything wrong,
- * they report their concerns to the Master
- * they offer suggestions, what they think is right
- * they trust their Master
- * they accept their Master decision even when it is not what they will like to do

* **Servants of the owner**

* He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?'

* **Matthew 13:28**

*Christ's servants are grieved as they see true and false believers mingled in the church. They long to do something to cleanse the church. Like the servants of the householder, they are ready to uproot the tares.

*E G White - Christ's Object Lesson p. 71

* But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.

* **Matthew 13: 29**

* ...He has not committed to us the work of judging character and motive. He knows our nature too well to entrust this work to us.

* E G White- Christ's Object Lesson p. 71

* As the tares have their roots closely intertwined with those of the good grain, so false brethren in the church may be closely linked with true disciples. The real character of these pretended believers is not fully manifested. Were they to be separated from the church, others might be caused to stumble, who but for this would have remained steadfast.

E G White - Christ's Object Lesson p. 72

* Many who think themselves Christians will at last be found wanting. Many will be in heaven who their neighbors supposed would never enter there. Man judges from appearance, but God judges the heart. The tares and the wheat are to grow together until the harvest; and the harvest is the end of probationary time

* E G White -Christ's Object Lesson p. 71

* Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the **time of harvest** I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.

* **Matthew 13: 30**

* ...time of the harvest...

* ... the harvest is the end of the age,...

* **Matthew 13: 30, 39**

*Sinners who make a pretension of piety mingle for a time with the true followers of Christ, and the semblance of Christianity is calculated to deceive many; but in the harvest of the world there will be no likeness between good and evil. Then those who have joined the church, but who have not joined Christ, will be manifest.

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* **Matthew 13:30**

* ...reapers...

* ... and the
reapers are the
angels.

* **Matthew 13: 30, 39**

*The Saviour does not point forward to a time when all the tares become wheat. The wheat and tares grow together until the harvest, the end of the world. Then the tares are bound in bundles to be burned, and the wheat is gathered into the garner of God. “Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

* E G White -- Christ's Object Lessons, p. 75

- *40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.
- *41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,

*Matthew 13:40-41

- *42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
- *43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

*Matthew 13: 42-43

- *The tares are permitted to grow among the wheat, to have all the advantage of sun and shower; but in the time of harvest ye shall “return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.” Malachi 3:18
- *Christ Himself will decide who are worthy to dwell with the family of heaven. He will judge every man according to his words and his works. Profession is as nothing in the scale. It is character that decides destiny.

* 3 main points

* In this world the tares are among the wheat

* There is a right way and there is a wrong way to deal with the tares

* There is a harvest

*** What we learned?**