

Parable of the Tares

Mt. 13:24-30; 36-43

I. The parable (vv. 24-30)

- A. A man sowed good seed (v. 24)
- B. His enemy sowed tares (v. 25)
- C. The tares appeared (v. 26)
- D. Servants inquire about tares (v. 27)
- E. Servants ask if they should gather the tares (v. 28)
- F. The householder's answer (vv. 29-30)
 - 1. Don't gather tares because wheat may be rooted up (v. 29)
 - 2. Wait until the harvest to separate (v. 30)

II. The explanation of the parable (vv. 36-43)

- A. Disciples desired explanation (v. 36)
- B. The sower is Jesus (v. 37)
- C. The field is the world (v. 38a)
- D. The good seed are the righteous (v. 38b)
- E. The tares are the wicked (v. 38c)
- F. The enemy is the devil (v. 39a)
- G. The harvest is the end of the world (v. 39b)
- H. The reapers are the angels (v. 39c)
- I. The gathering of the tares is similar to the end of the world (v. 40)
- J. Angels shall gather them which do iniquity & cast them into a furnace (v. 41-42)
- K. The righteous shall shine as the sun (v. 43)

III. Lessons from the parable

- A. Evil exists in the world (cf. vv. 25, 38-39)
 - 1. Wrestle with evil (Ep. 6:11-12)
 - 2. The devil seeks to destroy souls (1 Pe. 5:8)
 - 3. Resist evil (Ja. 4:7)
 - 4. Government is to be an enemy of evil (Ro. 13:3-4; 1 Pe. 2:14)
- B. Good will triumph over evil (cf. vv. 30, 43)
 - 1. Jesus came to destroy evil (He. 2:14; 1 Jn. 3:10; cf. Ge. 3:15)
 - 2. Satan's influence will end (Re. 20:10)
- C. World will end (v. 39b; He. 1:10-11; 2 Pe. 3:10-12)