



THE SNEAKY ENEMY

The Story of the Wheat & Weeds

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Text: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-42

Introduction: This particular parable seems to be similar to the “Parable of the Sower” but it is distinctly different for a reason. An enemy goes after his neighbor, a wheat farmer, and plants weeds in his field. The servants begin wondering, “What should we do?” The master tells them to leave them alone and then in the harvest he will make the separation. Why does he decide to wait until the harvest? Why is the enemy so sneaky? Let’s consider a deeper understanding of this particular story

Discussion:

I. THE SOWER = THE SAVIOR

Matthew 13:37, Mark 2:10, Mark 13:26, Revelation 14:14

II. THE ENEMY = THE DEVIL

Matthew 13:39, Matthew 13:25, John 8:44, Genesis 3, I Peter 5:8

III. THE FIELD = THE WORLD

Matthew 13:38, Mark 16:15-16, Matthew 28:18-20

IV. THE GOOD SEED = THE CHURCH

Matthew 13:38, I John 4:17, I John 5:4, I Peter 2:9

V. THE BAD WEEDS = THE WORLDLY

Matthew 13:38, Ephesians 5:14, Revelation 3:12

VI. THE HARVEST = THE JUDGMENT

Matthew 13:39-40, Hebrews 9:27, I Peter 4:17-18, II Peter 3:7

VII. THE REAPERS = THE ANGELS

Matthew 13:41-42, Ephesians 4:11-16, Ephesians 5:27, Jude 14

Conclusion: The very crux of this parable is the final judgment of God! God will separate the good and the evil like the “sheep and the goats” (**Matthew 25:32**). We need to pray that God will be just and swift in his judgment of our enemies. Do you look like the world? Do you act like the world? Do you want to become more like Christ? Do you want to become a follower of Christ? Judgment is coming! Are you ready for the judgment day?

WORD OF THE DAY = “ENEMY”