

**Jude 1:4** For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Wheat and Tares

### Matthew 13:24-30

24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, **The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:**

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

26 **But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.**

27 **So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?**

28 **He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?**

29 **But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.**

30 **Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.**

tares = zizanion: *darnel* or false grain:

*But while men slept,....* Good men, ministers, and churches; whose case this sometimes is to be asleep in a spiritual sense: and which sleepiness lies in a non-exercise of grace; in a sluggishness to and in duty; in a contentment in external exercises of religion; in luke warmness about the cause of Christ; in an unconcernedness about sins of omission and commission; and in a willingness to continue in such a state; and which arises from a body of sin and death; from worldly cares; weariness in spiritual duties; a cessation from spiritual exercises; an absenting from spiritual company; oftentimes from outward ease, peace, and plenty, sometimes from a long expectation of the bridegroom's coming, and the delay of it; and from its being a night season, a time of darkness and security: such a case with the church, and good men, is very dangerous, as it exposes to every sin and snare; renders them liable to lose the presence of Christ, their liveliness and comfort; and tends to poverty and leanness of soul: such are in danger of being surprised with the midnight cry; and the churches are likely to be filled with hypocrites and heretics:

*Sowed Tares.....* The tare was a species of rye grass, which in its earlier stages, closely resembled wheat. In this world, and in the Church, professors are closely mingled with possessors. But there come great times of revealing, in the trials and difficulties of life, and in fact Satan and his angels never sleep. Let us beware of them, but be not afraid: Christ is stronger. -*Meyer*

"the wheat", is meant the same with the "good seed", the children of God, true believers in Christ; who are comparable to wheat, for the choiceness of it, that being the choicest grain, so they are the chosen of God, and precious, and the excellent in the earth: -*Gill*

“the tares” sown among them, are meant “the children of the wicked one”; Satan, the enemy and adversary, as in who are to be understood, not of profane sinners; though these are the children of the devil; but of professors of religion, men either of bad principles, or of bad lives and conversations; whom Satan, by some means or another, gets into churches, and they become members thereof: at first they look like wheat, like true believers, have a show of religion, a form of godliness, an appearance of grace, but are destitute of it; and prove tares, unfruitful, unprofitable, and of no account, yea hurtful, and whose end is to be burned. -*Gill*

## Matthew 13:37-43

37 He answered and said unto them, **He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;**  
38 **The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;**

- **Php 3:18** (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:*
- **Php 3:19** Whose end is destruction, whose God *is their belly*, and *whose glory is in their shame*, who mind earthly things.)

39 **The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.**

40 **As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.**

41 **The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;**

42 **And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

43 **Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.**

'WHO HATH HEARS TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR' {These words never used by mortal man. They were only heard from the lips of him who spake with divine authority. Spoken on earth on 7 distinct occasions}

## Matthew 13:44-50

44 **Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.**

45 **Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:**

46 **Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.**

47 **Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:**

48 **Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.**

49 **So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just.**

50 **And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

The kingdom of heaven is like unto a net ... - This parable does not differ in meaning from that of the tares. The gospel is compared to a net dragging along on the bottom of a lake, and collecting all - good and bad. The gospel may be expected to do the same; but in the end of the world, when the net "is drawn in," the bad will be separated from the good; the one will be cast away, and the other saved. Our Saviour never fails to keep before our minds the great truth that there is to be a day of judgment, and that there will be a separation of the good and the evil. He came to preach salvation; and it is a remarkable fact, also, that the most fearful accounts of hell and of the sufferings of the damned, in the Scriptures, are from his lips. How does this agree with the representations of those who say that all will be saved? -Barnes

## Ye Shall Know them By their Fruits

### Matthew 7:15-23

15 **Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.**

16 **Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?**

17 **Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.**

18A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

There is a time to distinguish between darnel and wheat. The fruit of the darnel is smaller than the fruit produced by true wheat. They say the difference is very distinguishable and obvious, and the difference in the sizes of the seeds makes separating them an easy task. There are those who have convulsed, been made drunk, trembled uncontrollably, stammered in their speech, were stupified, turned giddy, etc., who have tried to tell us that that was wheat. There are also those who have not fallen into such things, but have brought confusion into the Church with darnel such as the non-trinitarian doctrine, a watered-down gospel, and agendas that lead the Church off into corporate efforts God never sanctioned. Are these things wheat or darnel? Some are obviously darnel, while with others, it takes time to make the distinction. This I know for sure: the One who planted the good seed which bears fruit will come back to harvest His wheat, and not one grain of darnel will be found in the barn.  
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