

KINGDOM SOWING

PART 2

Text: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Last week I preached from the first parable of the sower, and how that parable reveals the different responses that people have to hearing the word of God. Jesus said that the seed in that parable is the word of God and the different soils are the different conditions of the hearts that hear. The parable we just read builds on that idea. When this parable is explained to his disciples, he plainly states the meaning of each item in the parable. This time he tells us who the sower of the good seed is...it's himself. The good seed this time is not the word of God, but what the word of God has produced...children of the kingdom. The field is the world but there is another sower in this story, the devil. The word of God hitting the good ground of the human heart and producing fruit is how the Lord invades and assaults the kingdom of darkness. Sowing tares among the wheat is how Satan fights back. The tares are the children of the wicked one.

- **The sowing of the Son of man** – What is taught here is that Christ sows his own in the world where it pleases him. In simpler terms, he plants or places you where he wants you to be. This concept started at the beginning of the Bible and carries on all the way through. **Genesis 2:8** And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.
- **Putting his people in the right place** – God called Abram out of his country and away from his family to plant him in Canaan's land because that was where God would reveal Himself to him. Abram couldn't flourish in his own land and among his own people because it was environment filled with idolatry. Sometimes God must move people before he plants them so that their environment doesn't spoil their growth potential. God took Israel out of Egypt and planted them in the promised land.
- **Christ has a purpose for us to do in the place where we've been planted** – God put Adam in the garden he had planted to dress and keep it. God brought Israel over to Canaan's land to dispossess the giants and exterminate the wicked nations there. He removed wickedness and established righteousness. Christ has a purpose for you where he placed you.

- **The sowing of Satan** – The tares mentioned are poisonous weeds, specifically darnel. Darnel is a toxic, annual grass that grows as a weed in cereal crops. It looks virtually identical to wheat in its early stages, which historically earned it the nickname “false wheat”. It can only be spotted when it is ripe, wheat turns a golden brown, while darnel turns black.
- **The children of the wicked one** – The tares are false teachers, false prophets, and false Christians sown by Satan right in among the real. These people have the nature of Satan because he is their father. Jesus told the Pharisees in **John 8:44** Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. Cain was a son of Satan, choosing his own religion over God’s revealed truth, he became a murderer like his father. Noah’s son Ham was of the wicked one. He perversely violated his father in his drunken state and told his brothers about it afterwards. His line was cursed and he is the father of sexual perversion. From him came the culture of Egypt and the abominations of Sodom and Gomorrah, as well as the Canaanites.

The Lord was not referring to the lost in general, nor to unsaved church members because they can make honest mistakes that can be later corrected by obeying the word of God. Tares are poisonous and the children of Satan are too. They are a special class of religious people, deliberately selected by Satan to mingle silently and subtly with the true people of God. Tares never become wheat, nor do Satan’s sons become Christians. Satan’s children have his nature and they do his will. They’re deceitful, liars, and they do destruction. I’m afraid we’ve made excuses for people like this in the church over the years instead of calling them what they really are....children of the wicked one.

- **The great separation day** – When the servants spotted the tares in the field, they wanted to know where they came from and what should be done about them. When they suggested pulling them out of the field, the householder stopped them and said let both grow together until the time of harvest. Then the reapers would separate them. The wheat would be gathered into his barn and the tares would be bundled up and burned. **HERE’S WHY HE SAID LET BOTH GROW TOGETHER:** The roots of tares intertwine with roots of the wheat. Pulling the tares out would uproot the wheat too, so the solution was to let them grow up together until the time of harvest. God always separates the righteous and the wicked before judgment. He pulled Lot out of Sodom before He poured turned it into ashes. God called Noah into

the ark before the flood came. The rapture will remove Christ's people from this earth before God pours out His judgment on it.

- **The final judgment – Matthew 13:42** And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. *This is a reference to the final judgment of God on the tares as well as the rest of the unbelievers.* **Revelation 20:11-15** And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.