



## [Matthew 13:24-30](#)

(24) And He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is compared to a man who was sowing good seed in his field; (25) But while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away. (26) Now when the blades sprouted and produced fruit, then the tares also appeared. (27) And the servants came to the master of the house *and* said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Then where did these tares come from?' (28) And he said to them, 'A man *who is* an enemy has done this.' Then the servants said to him, 'Do you want us to go out and gather them?' (29) But he said, 'No, lest while you are gathering the tares, you *also* uproot the wheat with them. (30) Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and at the time of the harvest, I will say to the reapers, "Gather the tares first, and bind them into bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my granary."

*A Faithful Version*

This parable exposes the problem of evil intermingled with good within congregations, just as the same mix confronts nations, communities, and homes. No matter how society tries to legislate or separate out lawbreakers from the rest of society, the seeds of [sin](#) and crime find a place to grow. God's church is similarly affected by Satan's constant attacks. The genuine and the counterfeit wheat are always together in the church.

The servants' perplexity about the sowing of the tares shows that the presence of sin is often a mystery to people ([II Thessalonians 2:7-10](#)). [God](#) cannot be blamed for them because He does not sow evil—[Satan](#) does ([James 1:13](#)). By this parable, Jesus prophesies that the church of God on earth would be imperfect. The spiritual church has members with the [Holy Spirit](#) who are dedicated and loyal, yet have personal defects. It also has within it unconverted people who may recognize the [truth](#) but are there only to enjoy association with God's people. Jesus' intent is to enlighten and warn the saints of this fact, not to expose the tares at this time ([Acts 20:29-32](#)). God will root out the bad seed when the good seed has matured.

"The good seed," "the wheat," and "the sons of the kingdom" refer to baptized members of God's church in whom the Holy Spirit dwells—the saints, the elect, the righteous ([Matthew 13:43](#)). In the previous parable, the seed represents "the word of the kingdom" (verse 19), but here, the good seed is the product of that word received, understood, and obeyed. The Son of Man, as the Sower or Owner, sows only good seed, those who are righteous due to walking worthy of God—living His way of life, and becoming the "children of the kingdom" ([I John 2:6](#); [II John 6](#); [I Thessalonians 2:10-15](#)).

It is [God's will](#) that [Jesus Christ](#) the Redeemer sow His redeemed ones in [this world](#) of sin and misery for the purpose of training and testing them to become true witnesses for Him in preparation for the Kingdom. Therefore, He has placed Christians where He wants them. Jesus tells Peter in [Luke 22:31](#) that he was wheat, and as such, he was to be sifted by Satan. All of God's saints should heed this warning to [watch and pray](#) that the field of our heart not be sown with tares by the enemy. God has bought us with a price and given us His Spirit, making us new creations in Him and heirs of His Family and [eternal life](#). He expects us to bear fruit in our corner of the field of this world in which He has sowed us.

— Martin G. Collins

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