

# Parables of Jesus - Lesson 6 - There are Weeds Among Us

- Why are there weeds? How should we live among the weeds?

## Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NIV)

### The Parable of the Weeds

**24** Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. **25** But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. **26** When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

**27** “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

**28** “An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

**29** “No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. **30** Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.”

### The Parable of the Weeds Explained

**36** Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

**37** He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. **38** The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, **39** and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

**40** “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. **41** The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. **42** They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **43** Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

## The Aspects of the Parable Explained by Jesus

Sower:	Enemy:
Field:	The Harvest:
Good Seed:	Harvesters:
Weeds:	

### Questions to Ponder:

- Why are there weeds? Who purposely plants the weeds? What does this tell us about the enemy? Who are the weeds? Are the weeds easy to discern? Why?
- Whose responsibility is it to weed out the weeds? When will the weeding take place? What will happen to the weeds? What will happen to the wheat?
- Why does the owner not want the servants to pull the weeds? What is our role as Christians concerning the weeds?

### Related Verses to Ponder:

- John 8:19-47 - The Pharisees have a different father.
- Ephesians 2:1-10 - We were once among them.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 - Don't be deceived!
- 1 John 4:1-6 - Test the spirits.
- Revelation 14:14-20 - The angels will judge.
- Matthew 28:18-20 - Go and make disciples.
- John 16:7-15 - The Spirit will guide.