

Parable of the Tares
Matt 13:24-30, 36-43
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Thesis: I want to bring forth the powerful message of judgment.

- Intro:
1. The facts regarding salvation and judgment are things we must always remember.
 2. We must remember the eternal consequences regarding sowing, reaping, gathering and ultimately the separating done by Christ.
 3. The Parable of the Tares illustrates perfectly the facts regarding eternal life.

I. Sower, Field, Seeds , & tares (v.**37-38**)

A. The Sower of the good seed (v.**37**).

1. Christ is the one who sends the message out in this parable.
2. Christ is ultimately responsible for providing the way to eternal life (**Eph 2:13**). Thus he is the one who sows the “good seed”.
3. One way Christ sows the seed of the kingdom is by sending out messengers to spread that message (disciples).

B. The Field of the world (v.**38a**)

1. The field is those who are lost. The field(the world) is waiting to have the message scattered out upon it.
2. If the message is to go out it is up to the followers of Christ to get it out.

C. The Tares (v.**38b**, **Matt 10:16**)

1. The tares we could see are those who deny God (**Ps 14:1**).
 - a. They deny his existence.
 - b. They deny the Bible.
 - c. They deny a intelligent creator.
2. These “tares” are things are not profitable (**1 Peter 4:3-4**).They only cause difficulty and hinder those that are profitable-the wheat (**Mk 9:42**).
 - A. They hinder those who wish to be faithful.
 - b. The tares seek to only hinder the faithful and all who wish to become faithful.

II. The Enemy, the harvest, the reapers (v.**39-40**)

A. The Enemy (v.**39a**, **Jn 8:44**)

1. The devil here is properly identified-the enemy.
2. The enemy is one who wages war against others who differ from him and his beliefs.
3. He is opposed to God thus he is the enemy.

B. The Harvest and the reapers (v.**39b-40**)

1. The harvest is the end of the age or the judgment day.
2. All will be present at this harvest and all will be subject to it.
3. The reapers refers to those Angels who will accompany Christ when he returns.

III. Gathering & Separating (v.41-42)

A. Those that offend (v.41).

1. The angels will gather all those that are offensive to God.
2. Those that are offensive are those that are rebelling against God and are sinful.

B. Punishment of the lawless

1. The lawless will be cast away from God and punished.
2. This is their “reward” for being offensive to God.
3. **2 Cor 5:10-11a, 2 Thess 1:7-10**

Conc: 1. The righteous will shine forth (v.43).

- a. The righteous will live on with God for all eternity.
 - b. The righteous will be clothed in white, thus it is as if they shine while abiding with God in everlasting life.
2. Full Invitation