



THE PARABLE OF THE WEEDS

MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43



WHEAT AND WEEDS

- 1.) Jesus gives perspective and encouragement to the wheat (his sons and daughters)
- 2.) Jesus gives a strong warning mixed with grace to the weeds (the sons & daughters of the evil one)

JESUS INTERPRETS THE PARABLE

- The one who sows good seed is Jesus – v. 37
- The field is the world – v. 37
- The good seeds (wheat) are the sons of the kingdom – v. 38
- The weeds are the sons of the evil one – v.38
- The enemy who sows weeds is the devil – v. 39
- The harvest is the end of the age – v. 39
- The reapers are the angels – v. 39

DARNEL (*LOLIUM TEMULENTUM*)



Darnel - Weed

- Seeds similar size and weight to wheat
- Stalks look similar to wheat when young
- Heads do not droop when ripe like wheat does
- Leaves turn black when ripe (not golden)
- Seeds are poisonous to people and livestock



Wheat

PLACES TO REFLECT AND CONSIDER

- 1.) Does the presence of evil lead you to a place where you lack trust in God?
- 2.) Do you recognize that god isn't slow to fulfill his promises because he is weak or unable to keep them?
 - He is patiently enduring the weeds in his field because he is bringing salvation to the lost
- 3.) Do you consider justice delayed to be the same as justice denied?
- 4.) Do you allow your present circumstances to cause you to feel jaded about the future glory that is to come?

TWIN REALITIES OF HELL

- Weeping & Gnashing of Teeth Matthew 8:12, 13:50, 22:13, 24:51, 25:30
- Weeping – Not godly grief (leading to repentance) but because of agony
- Gnashing of Teeth – “This [means] that their unjust anger at the Lord for their just punishment grows more intense every moment”

DUKE

