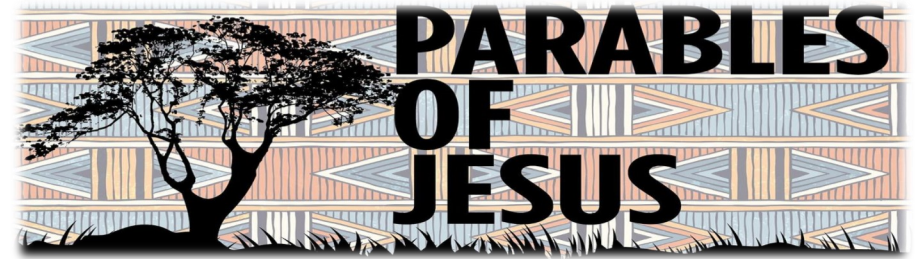


Reflection Questions: Is my life leading to the spread of God's Kingdom?
How? Am I guilty of trying to destroy the tares around me? What will I
do to show them the love and compassion of Christ?

How can we pray for one another this week?



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

Sermon
Notes

April 19, 2020

Quotes to Ponder

Jesus' idea of letting good and evil coexist side by side, even at times seemingly intertwined until His final judgment, doesn't sit well with our desire to take God's justice into our own hands and be His instruments of meting it out.

Craig Blomberg

Magistrates and churches may remove the openly wicked from their society; the outwardly good who are inwardly worthless they must leave; for the judging of hearts is beyond their sphere.

The fate of these ungodly ones will be fire, the most terrible of punishments; but this will not annihilate them; for they shall exhibit the surest tokens of a living woe—wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Charles Spurgeon

We must not misinterpret God's patience with the ungodly.

Richard Baxter

There is no period of time when the Kingdom of God is not in effect on the earth.

Interpreting the field as being the church creates too many problems. Leave it the way the Lord interpreted it—the field is the world.

Those of us who are busy trying to destroy the darnels should remember that we, too, were once darnels.

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?
2. What are *tares*? In *Matthew 13:25*, what does the word *among* indicate about the way the enemy sowed the tares?
3. What reaction did the servants of the man who sowed have when the crop began to ripen? Why? (*Mt 13:26-27*)?
4. According to *Matthew 13:28*, what did the slaves want to do? Why did the master not want them to do this (*Matthew 13:29*)?
5. What did the master say he would do to rid the wheat of the tares (*Matthew 13:30*)?
6. What did the disciples question in *Matthew 13:36* reveal about their understanding of the parable?
7. Why has God planted Christians in His field of this world according to *John 16:33*, *James 1:2-4*, and *1 Peter 5:10*?

What did Jesus say in His prayer in *John 17:15*?

8. Why has God planted Christians in His field of this world according to *Matthew 28:18-20*?
9. Who are the reapers in the parable (*Matthew 13:39*)?

10. What do these verses teach about angels?
Matthew 16:27 —
Matthew 24:31 —
Revelation 14:15-19 —
11. Why are we to allow the wheat and the tares to grow together in the world?
12. What is the common exhortation in the following verses?
Psalms 145:11-12 —
Matthew 5:13-16 —
Acts 1:8 —
1 Peter 3:15 —
13. Read *2 Peter 2:9-13*. What does God ultimately desire? Why has Jesus not yet returned to judge the world?
14. What is Jesus referring to when He speaks of *the end of age* (*Matthew 13:39*)?
15. Should we assume there are tares in our midst and reveal who they are? Why or why not?
16. How do the following verses describe Satan?
Genesis 3:1-5 — *1 Peter 5:8-9* —
John 8:44 — *Revelation 12:9* —
2 Corinthians 11:14-15 — *Revelation 20:7-10* —
17. Do I view as unbelievers as the enemy? Or as those deceived by Satan? Why?