



## “Parable of The Wheat and Tares”

Matthew 13:24-30;36-43

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*A great \_\_\_\_\_ tool is to simply give an illustration or tell a story.*

**What are Parables?** “ \_\_\_\_\_ stories with \_\_\_\_\_ meanings.

**What is the purpose of a Parable?**

- To conceal (those who reject), and to \_\_\_\_\_ (those who receive).
- Parables were designed to reach the \_\_\_\_\_, not the head.

**The Parable of The Wheat and Tares:**

The Sower is The Son of Man (Jesus).

The Field is the \_\_\_\_\_.

The Good Seeds are the Sons of the Kingdom.

The Tares are the Sons of the \_\_\_\_\_ One.

The Enemy is the Devil.

The Harvest is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Age.

The Reapers are the Angels.

- Four Spiritual Realities...

**1. The Kingdom of Heaven represents \_\_\_\_\_ realm and reign.**

- **What is the “kingdom of heaven?”** (v. 24) [Greek “basileia”]
  - o The area of God’s domain, rule, reign.
  - o The kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God are \_\_\_\_\_.
- John the Baptist (Matt. 3:2), Jesus (Matt. 4:17;23), and Jesus’ Disciples (Matt. 10:7) all preached “the kingdom of heaven.”
- How did Jesus teach His Disciples to pray? (Matt. 6:9-10)
- What are citizens of the kingdom of heaven like? (Matt. 5-7)

*Apply: Whose kingdom are you part of and whose kingdom are you advancing? (Matt. 6:33)*

**2. The Wheat and Tares represent \_\_\_\_\_ and Unbelievers.**

- **What are Tares?** [Greek “zizania”]
  - o Some translations (NIV, ESV) prefer “weeds”
  - o ESV footnote: “Probably \_\_\_\_\_, a wheat-like seed”
- What special problem did the tares present?
- Tares among the Wheat may make us think...
  - o Why does God allow evil to continue in this world?
  - o Why do people write off churches?

*Apply: Are you wheat or a tare? Do you know Jesus? Are you fruitful?*

**3. The Enemy represents \_\_\_\_\_.** (v. 39)

- This was not a random act, but an organized \_\_\_\_\_. (I Pet. 5:8)
- We have an enemy and his name is Satan. (Eph. 6:11-12)

*Apply: Want to know how to get Satan to leave you alone? Do \_\_\_\_\_! Expect opposition and prepare (Read, study, follow Ephesians 6:10-18).*

**4. The Harvest represents the final \_\_\_\_\_.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ is a real place of eternal suffering.
  - o Matt. 13:42,49-50; 25:31-32,41; Rev. 20:10; etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a real place of eternal blessing.
  - o Matt. 25:34; Rev. 21:4; 21:21; etc.

*Apply: Are you ready for the final judgement? Are you helping others to prepare?*

**What is your Spiritual Reality?**

**NEXT STEPS?**