

# “Parable of the Tares—Part 2”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued a series about the parable of the tares (which the Son of God gave in Matthew 13:24-30 and explained in Matthew 13:37-43). I originally thought that I would give two presentations, but I added a third one.

This article will discuss material from part 2.

## **Sower is Son of God**

Matthew 13:37—“He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.”

Notice a few scriptures about knees bowing before our Savior.

- Romans 11:4—People should not bow the knee to Baal.
- Romans 14:11—The Lord said: “Every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”
- Philippians 2:9-11—God has highly exalted the Son and given Him the name which is above every name—every knee should bow at the name of Jesus, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

## **His field is the world**

Matthew 13:38—“The field is the world . . .”

- 1 Timothy 2:5-6—There is one God and one Mediator between God and men (the Man Christ Jesus)—who gave Himself a ransom for all people (to be testified in due time).

## **Good seeds are children of kingdom**

Matthew 13:38—“The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom.”

- Matthew 5:13—Disciples are salt of the earth.
- Matthew 5:14-16—Disciples are light of the world.
- John 17:14-16—Disciples are not of this world.
- John 17:17-19—Disciples are sanctified by truth.
- 1 Peter 2:11-12—Disciples exhibit good works to glorify God—even in the day of visitation.

## **Tares are sons of wicked one**

Matthew 13:38—"The tares are the sons of the wicked one."

The tares create problems upon both sides of truth—as you can see in Galatians 2:4 and Jude 4.

- Galatians 2:4—Some false brethren promote bondage—with excessive unnecessary expectations and an attitude of control. (In Galatians 5:1-12, Paul specifically mentioned circumcision.)

- Jude 4—Some false brethren promote lawlessness (recognizing no standards and having no expectations of obedience).

Consider Matthew 7:21-23.

Some addressed the Son of God as Lord, but He never knew them.

Some claimed to have prophesied in His name, but He never knew them.

Some claimed to have cast out demons in his name, but He never knew them.

Some claimed to have done many wonders in His name, but He never knew them.

## **The enemy is the devil**

Matthew 13:39—"The enemy who sowed them [the tares] is the devil."

- John 8:44—He was a murderer from the beginning and the father of lies.

- 2 Corinthians 11:3—The serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, and Paul was concerned that the serpent would corrupt their minds from the simplicity that is in Christ.

- Revelation 12:9—The devil deceives the whole world.

## **Next study**

The next study will discuss the following four categories.

- The harvest
- The reapers
- The fire
- The barn