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## *Farming in The Kingdom* **Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43**

*Does Jesus mean what He says?*

*Are we at liberty to alter it because it seems good to us?*

***“Well I thought”***

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***Vs. 24 – The King is going to tell us what His kingdom is like...***

***If we’re listening***

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***“Is like a farmer” – He’s even going to tell us who that farmer is***

***“Like a farmer who planted” – He initiated something that would become***

*It did not begin as its whole, completed outcome*

***“Who planted good seed” – That can only be expected to produce good***

***“Planted good seed in his field” – He owns the field. It belongs to Him.***

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***Vs. 25 – “His enemy planted weeds among the wheat”***

*Anyone who plants **anything other than** what God plants is **the enemy of God***

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***Vs. 26 – “When the crop grew, the weeds also grew.”***

*God sends rain on the just and the unjust alike, the evil and the good.*

*He gives His goodness to all and withholds from none. (Bags of silver)*

*Our **receptivity** and **responsiveness** make the difference.*

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***Vs. 27 – His workers are shocked by the weeds!***

*The difference between **what is of God** and what is **not** is obvious to those **with eyes to see**.*

*They asked, how did this happen?*

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***Vs. 28 – “An enemy has done this! The farmer exclaimed.”***

*The evil in life is **NOT** God’s doing!*

***“Should we pull out the weeds? They asked”***

*Shall we **identify and disqualify** those who don’t give satisfactory evidence of being Yours?*

*Shall we **remove them** from among us? (I Cor. 5:9-13)*

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**Vs. 29** – “No, he replied.” **Emphatically! Do Not!**

**You’ll uproot the wheat if you do”**

*The **environment of communion and fellowship** with God’s people is not one of disruption, but of **safety and security.***

*He’s not sending us into His fields to sort and remove...*

**But to gather, worship and testify.**

**Lift up Christ Jesus above all else...**

*And God will draw all of humanity **To Him***

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Has the church become known as **excluding** those who don’t qualify?*

**Are weeds allowed in God’s field?**

**What distinguishes weeds from wheat?**

**What doesn’t?**

*How can we be **in the world, but not of it** if we exclude ourselves from it?*

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**Vs. 30** – “Let them **both grow together** until the harvest.”*

**The Lord’s harvest (not ours)**

**John 5:19** – We’re followers **OF** Jesus. Do it **like Him** (John 20:21)

**“Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds”**

*At His Word, **Jesus will send His harvesters** to do it*

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**Vs. 36** – “Leaving the crowds”*

*Like marriage, the deeper truths of life with God are **revealed in personal relationship***

*“His disciples said, ‘**Please explain to us the story**”*

*Looks like they’re starting to get it*

*The one who brought the story holds its meaning*

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**Vs, 37** – “The Son of Man”*

*Jesus identifies Himself **COMPLETELY with us** in our humanity*

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**Vs. 38** – “The field is the world”*

*Not some segregated, secluded, isolated environment*

**“The good seed represents the people of the Kingdom.”**

**Obedient servants of The King** planted **IN** the world.

**“The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one.”**

*Because they **don’t obey God and belong to Him**, on **HIS** terms. (Matt. 7) There is **NO** neutral ground.*

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**Vs. 39** – “The harvest is the end of the world.”*

**Matt. 24 & Luke 17** don’t tell of a great harvest **before His return**

*We should be **planting and watering** continually!*

**And I Thess. 4:14-17** does not describe rapture **before His return**

*He is **only** coming back **ONCE.***

By what **He is consistently saying**, the harvest happens when the growing season is over... and not before.

When He steps on the stage next, all decision making is finished.

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**Vs. 40-41 – His angels will remove”**

Removing weeds is **NOT our job**

**“all who do evil.”**

Those who make sin **part of their lifestyle...**  
who do not obey God

**Matt. 7, “Lord, Lord... we do all the right stuff”**

**“Why didn’t you obey Me?”**

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**Vs. 43 – “Listen and understand”**

Listening to Jesus is **primary to EVERYTHING** else.

In **Matthew 5:6** He makes a wonderful promise.

As we stay close with Him, ask Him to bless us with **a compelling appetite** for God’s will and ways.

He plants us to **“Shine like the sun”** in The Kingdom...

**Here and now, and forever!**