

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

You Asked For It, Pt. 2

Who does the weeding?

Matthew 6:9-10, "In this manner, therefore, pray:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. **Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**"

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- What are we asking Him for?
- It wasn't to replace the Romans then..
- And it's not to rule through earthly government now.

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How do we believe He operates His heavenly kingdom?

- How do we believe He operates **His kingdom on earth now?**
- How do we pray for that in faith, believing He will do it?
- Guess work is not the foundation of faith.

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Having told us to pray for this...

- Jesus then tells us specifically **how the kingdom works here...**
- In ways **it does not operate** in heaven

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In Matthew 13:24-52 He tells us seven times...

- **"The kingdom of heaven is like"...**
- Followed by specific examples

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Just before this, in **Matthew 13:1-9**, He told the parable of the soils

- Then He explained it to them in **Vs. 18-23**
- **In response to their inquiry**

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In **Matthew 13:24-30**...

- He tells the first of these kingdom realities
- In **Vs. 36-43** He explains it after they ask

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Who gets to learn and know the answers?

- Those who seek & ask Him
- **Matthew 5:6 & 7:7-8**

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Vs. 24-25, "The kingdom of heaven is like **a man who sowed good seed in his field**; but while men slept, **his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat** and went his way."

- This obviously **does not** happen in heaven
- It is **how the kingdom operates here**

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Vs. 37-38, "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, **the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom**, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one."

- What about **after** Christ returns to heaven?

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I John 1:5, This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that **God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.**

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The enemy sows his weeds in the dark

- He started in the garden, when **Eve didn't turn to the light**
- **Light dispels darkness** – Every Time!

“He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.”

John 20:21, So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! **As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.**”

Vs. 25-26, “but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But **when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.**”

“The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but **the tares are the sons of the wicked one.**”

- Like Judas

Vs. 27, “So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? **How then does it have tares?’**”

Vs. 28-29, “The servants said to him, ‘**Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’** But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.’”

Why are there people who don’t know Christ in church?

- So they can be exposed to the light of the truth
- **I Corinthians 11:19**, For there must also be factions among you, **that those who are approved may be evident** among you.

“When the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.”

- Tares = darnel, false grain
- They are not evident at first

“Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ But he said, ‘**No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.**”

- Darnel wraps its roots around the roots of the wheat

Vs. 30, “Let both grow together **until the harvest**, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

I Corinthians 5:9-13, I wrote to you in a letter not to associate with sexually immoral people. **I did not mean the immoral people of this world** or the greedy and swindlers or idolaters; otherwise you would have to leave the world. But now I am writing you **not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer** who is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or verbally abusive, a drunkard or a swindler. Do not even eat with such a person. For **what business is it of mine to judge outsiders?** Don’t you judge those who are inside? But **God judges outsiders**. Put away the evil person from among yourselves.

Our job is to help each other live in right relationship with God & each other...

- And invite outsiders **to become insiders**
- We should welcome them into our midst
- So they can see the difference between the godly & ungodly

Matthew 7:17-20, Even so, **every good tree bears good fruit**, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore **by their fruits you will know them.**

Our job is to help each other grow good fruit

- And tend His orchard together
- **I Corinthians 13:4-8 & Galatians 5:22-23**

Vs. 39-43, “The harvest is **the end of the age**, and **the reapers are the angels**. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be **at the end of this age**. **The Son of Man will send out His angels**, and they will gather **out of His kingdom** all things that offend, and those who practice **lawlessness**, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. **He who has ears to hear, let him hear!**”

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Let's stick to our job... and **trust Him to do His**

- *Focusing on weeds is detrimental to the crop*
- **Matthew 5:14** – *Keep the light on*