

“AND SOME FELL
AMONG THORNS,
AND THE THORNS
SPRANG UP AND
CHOKED THEM.” –
MATTHEW 13:7





THORNY GROUND

- “Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.” (Matt. 13:22)



**GROWING AMONG THORNS:
PARABLE OF THE WHEAT AND TARES**

THE PARABLE (MATT. 13:24-30)

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. 26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. 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?’ 28 He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ 29 But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. 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.” ’ ’ ”

THE INTERPRETATION (MATT. 13:37-43)

“He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. 39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. 40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. 41 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, 42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!



TARES RESEMBLE WHEAT

The Enemy attempts to resemble God, the Truth

Lies oppose truth, and deception is its cover.

Why the disguise?

EX: Eve

“You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” (Gen. 3:4-5)

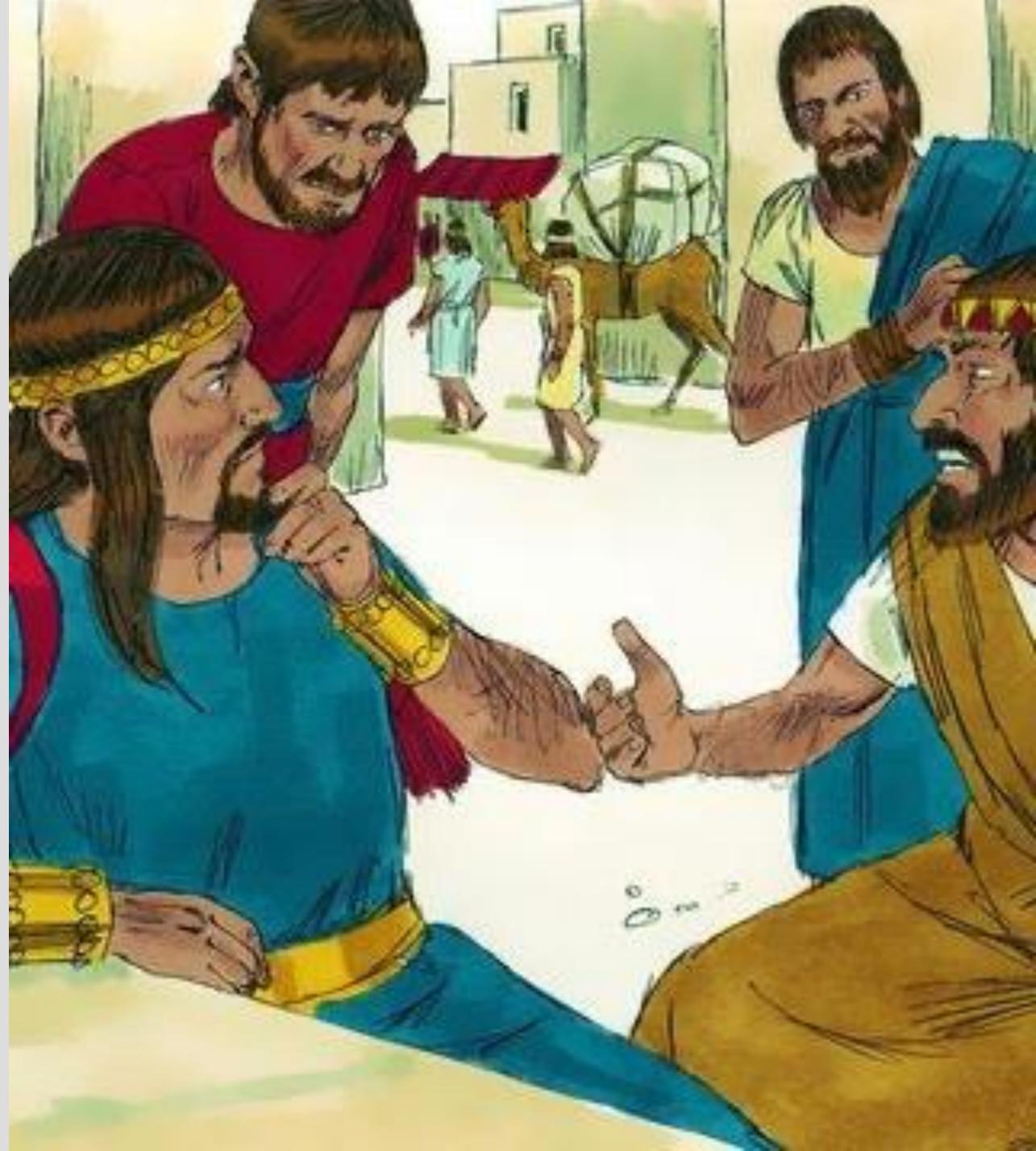


TARES RESEMBLE WHEAT

- **The Enemy attempts to resemble God, the Truth**
- EX: Moses and the Magicians
- Satan himself
- “And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.” (2 Cor. 11:14)
- EX: Abortion

TARES RESEMBLE WHEAT

- **We can become tares that resembles wheat**
- Heresy
- EX: Absalom, David's son





WHEAT AND TARES ARE PRESENT TOGETHER

- No matter where we go, we will always find both – don't be alarmed
- EX: Cain (tare) and Abel (wheat)
- “For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? But those who are outside God judges. Therefore "put away from yourselves the evil person." (1 Cor. 5:12-13)



THE LORD CHRIST PLANTS THE WHEAT BUT SATAN PLANTS THE TARES

- EX: Christ planted wheat (disciples) and Satan planted tares (Judas)
- **And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. 27 Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, “What you do, do quickly.” (Jn. 13:26,27)**
- Many people attribute the evil in the world to God because He is omnipotent (all-powerful)
- The Lord Christ expects the wheat to spread
- **“The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom...” (Matt. 13:38)**

TARES APPEAR WITHOUT WORK

- If we do not work to cultivate a meaningful crop, the result will always be tares.
- EX: Weeds
- “Nothing” is NOT an option





THE PROBLEM OF THE TARES WILL
NOT BE FULLY ADDRESSED UNTIL
THE “HARVEST”

All will be resolved at the End of
the Age

Those who will be sifted are:

Offenders

Practice lawlessness