The Tares

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   A. Sower—"Son Of Man". Vs. 37.
   B. The Field—"World". Vs. 38.
   C. Good Seed—"Children Of The Kingdom". Vs. 38.

2. The Evil Seed:
   A. Sower.—"The Devil" Vs. 39.
   B. The Field— "World" Vs. 38.
   C. Evil Seed.—"Children Of The Devil" Vs. 38.

Evil Seed   Good Seed

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1. Their Surprise Vs. 27.
2. Their Proposal. Vs. 28:
   Rom. 10:1-2.
3. Restraint Imposed. Vs. 29-38.
   A. Rejected Because it was rash, destructive.
      Mt. 26:51-52; Lk. 9:54; Jas. 1:20.
   B. Because it was Presumptuous; Servants not the Reapers (Angels) Psa. 94:1; Micah 5:15; Rom. 12:19; Heb. 10:30.
   C. Because it was premature, Time not right: "Let them grow together until harvest. Vs. 30.

III. The Reaping. Vs. 30,39-43.

1. The Reapers—"His Angels" Vs. 39, 41; 2 Thess. 1:7-9.
2. The Time Of Reaping— "The Harvest, End Of World." Vs. 39-40.
3. The Separation:
   A. Tares Bundled & Burned. Vs. 41-42.
   B. Wheat gathered, Shine Unhindered. Vs. 43.

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Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

INTRO: In this parable, Jesus warns his disciples against expecting to find in this world a purely good state of society. In this world, there will never be a time but that there is both good and evil. The only time we can look only for good will be in that world which is to come. Now let us see what Jesus teaches concerning the Parable of the Tares.

I. THE SOWING. MATT. 13:24-25, 37-39.

We should notice first that the field did not have seed in it. Neither good nor evil is native in the field of humanity. Both good and evil must be planted. Man is born in an innocent state. When he reaches accountability, he must follow one of two master. Matt. 6:24.

A. The Good Seed.
1. The Sower. "The Son of Man." He is the origin of the good seed. God is the origin of all that is good. Vs. 37.
2. The Field. "The World." Christ is the rightful owner. Vs. 38. Psa. 2:8. Christ was with God in the beginning; through Him the world was made.
3. The Good Seed. "The Children of the Kingdom." Vs. 38. In the parable of the sower, "The Word Seed." But in the parable of the tares, the Word had already been received and obeyed.

B. The Evil Seed.
1. The Sower. "The Devil." The enemy of the Son of Man and all mankind. He is a silent, unseen sower, moving in the dark. His actions are not seen; he is under cover. Vs. 39.
2. The Field. The world, the same place "The Son of Man" sowed. The bad seed was placed among the wheat near enough to entangle and to sap the life from some of the wheat and cause it to die (as we found in the Parable of the Sower). Vs. 38.
3. The Evil Seed. "The Tares." A plant resembling wheat. The tares represent the "Sons of the Devil." Satan wants his sons to resemble the sons of God enough to deceive, yet evil enough to be damned.

II. THE GROWING. VS. 26-30.

Only after a period of growth did the difference between wheat and the tare become manifest. With respect to the servants, we note:

A. Their Surprise. Vs. 27. After all of our efforts to do good in the world, evil is still found in abundance.
B. Their Proposal. Vs. 28. This shows that they had zeal, but it was without understanding. Rom. 10:1-2.
C. The Restraint Imposed. Vs. 29-30. There were three reasons that their proposal was rejected.
1. Because It Was Rash. It was destructive in nature. Matt. 26:51-52; Luke 9:54-55; James 1:20. Jesus came to save, not to destroy.

2. Because It Was Presumptuous. The servants were not the reapers (angels). Psa. 94:1; Rom. 12:19; Heb. 10:30.
3. Because It Was Premature. The time was not ripe. "Let then grow together until the harvest."

III. THE REAPING. VS. 30, 39-43.

The reaping follows the sowing and growing.
A. The Reapers. "His Angels." The avengers of God's wrath and minister of His mercy. Vs. 39-41. 2 Thess. 1:7-9.
B. The Time of Reaping. The Harvest. The end of the world. Vs. 39-40.
C. The Separation.
1. Tares Bundled and Burned. Vs. 41-42.
2. Wheat Gathered. The Shine of Righteous Unhindered. Vs. 43.

CONCL: We must grow to be like the good seed and we must watch out for the weeds!