



Extravagant Hope:

**The parable of the
wheat and weeds**

Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

**Studies in the
Parables**

The Parable

24 He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. 27 And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’

The Parable

28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

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A photograph of a field of tall, golden-brown grasses at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. A large, bright green letter 'U' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Uusual
unexpected
unsettled

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Darnel



Wheat



The Interpretation

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” 37 He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

The Interpretation

40 Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, 42 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

The Interpretation

Parable	Interpretation
The Sower	Jesus
His field	The world



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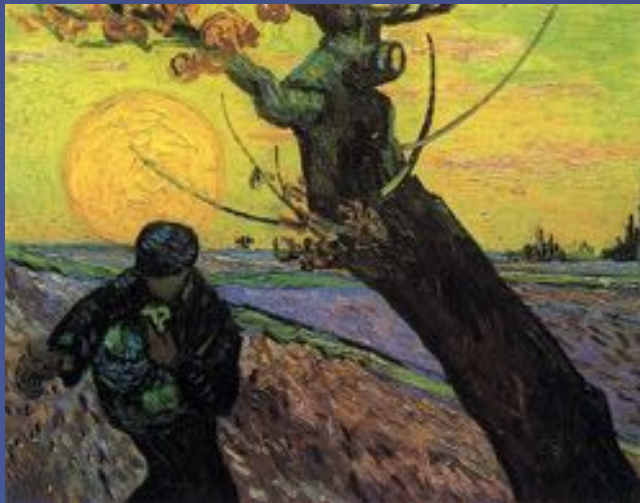
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The good seed	Jesus' followers
The weeds	Evil one's followers
His enemy	The evil one

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The Interpretation

- The evil one
 - Wants to destroy the kingdom
 - Is bound!
 - Stealthily intertwines
 - Works by imitation



The Enemy Sower,
Van Gogh, 1888

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The harvesters	Angels

The Interpretation

- The Final Judgment
 - Separation happens
 - God is not lax with evil
 - Judgment is just
 - Pre-mature judging *is* harmful
 - Being in the world *is not* ultimately harmful

The Implications

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- Live with extravagant hope

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- Seek first His kingdom
- Live with extravagant hope
- Share our extravagant hope

