

Sermon ~ Sunday, November 21, 2021

Text: Matthew 13: 36-43 (Read Matthew 13: 24-30)

Title: "Which are You, *Weed* or *Wheat*?"

On *Tuesday*, November 9, 2021, my uncle Sidney Jones, (Sis. Lottie Jackson, oldest Brother), a World War II Veteran, celebrated his 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday. On *Friday*, November 12<sup>th</sup> about 4pm, he got into his car and *went missing* until *Saturday*, November 13<sup>th</sup>, about 12: 45 pm. (It was half a day and a night) of **Trusting GOD** to bring him home.

This pass *Monday*, about 1pm, he was rushed to St. Christus... I visited him in CV-ICU unit on *Tuesday* morning about 6: 50am. He said to me, Nephew, for *these pass two weeks*, all I have seen is this "battle between, *Evil* and *Good*." Everywhere I turn, "*Evil* and *Good*."

I've kept asking, Why? Why? Why?

But since I've been here, I'm much better now—**GOD** has given me **Peace!**

I don't know what your dilemma is this morning... How many times in the *past two weeks* have you asked, Why? But this text, has/is helping me. I hope it will help you.

**JESUS** speaks "Another parable," (Matthew 13: 24a) saying, **The KINGdom of Heaven** is like... **JESUS** tell *what it is* and **The HOLY SPIRIT**, defines *what it is* not...

**The KINGdom of Heaven** is not **The Church**... Matthew 16: 16-18 **JESUS** spoke of **The Church**...

16 "Simon Peter answered and said, "You are **The CHRIST, The SON of The Living GOD.**"

17 **JESUS** answered and said to him, "**Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but MY FATHER WHO** is in heaven.

18 **And I** also say to you that you are Peter (Greek name petros; a small, movable stone, like a pebble) and on **This ROCK** (Greek name **PETRA**) meaning an immovable foundation) **I** will build (that is, not construct some house, but **build The House of GOD—The Body of CHRIST**)

**MY Church**, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."

**The KINGdom of Heaven** is not **The Church**... such doctrines/teaching/traditions come out of Rome. The Roman Empire. The Roman Catholic Church. Catholicism.

Saint Peter and Pope, I, II, III etc.

Such doctrines/teaching and traditions *date* back to Constantine, 306-337 AD, the Roman Emperor who *decided* to legalize **CHRISTianity**, attempting to make it the Official Religion of the Roman Empire. So, *everybody* in Roman, instantaneously became **CHRISTIans** and citizens of Rome. Even the *practice* of 'Infant Baptism,' teaching, you are apart of **The Church**. NOT SO!!!

There were "*godly men*" like Augustine of Hippo, 354 AD, known as *Saint Augustine*, a theologian/philosopher, who *taught* that **The Church** is a mixture of '*good* and *evil*' and is a necessary *sign* of **The Church**. [Well, if so, what do we say to what **JESUS** said in Matthew 13: 37? We read, "**JESUS** answered and said to them [disciples]: "**HE WHO sows the good seed is The SON of Man.**" Surely, *our JESUS* is held guilty of sowing *good* and *bad* seeds!!! NOT SO!!!

John Calvin, born 1509 and died 1564, a French theologian, associated with the Great Reformation: that Religious Reform Movement, when many Religious groups separated from the Roman Catholic Church, due to doctrines. Calvin taught; *the world is merely a figure of speech*. So, **JESUS** words, “**The field is the world**” Matthew 13: 38a, is a *lie*. Calvin taught, **The Church** is made up of *regenerated* and *unregenerated* people. He taught, **The Sovereignty of GOD**, that is, **GOD chooses** those who will enter Heaven, based on **HIS Omnipotence and Grace**.

[Now, how would you feel, *if GOD chose* me to go to Heaven and not choose you?] **NOT SO!!!**

**CHRISTianity** teaches, **The Church** is *comprised only* of “*regenerated,*” “*saved,*” “*born-again*” believers.” [Now, there will always be the *unsaved, the lost, the sinner*, in the Church-House gatherings, but *only*, the “*regenerated,*” the “*born-again,*” **comprise The Church**.

**The KINGdom of Heaven** is **The Rule** and **The Influence of The KING**.

**The KINGdom of Heaven** has *only ONE KING*. **HE Rules** over *all HIS domain*.

**The KINGdom of Heaven** is **The SPIRITual Realm** over which **GOD Resigns as KING**.

**The KINGdom of Heaven** is where **GOD’S Will** is fulfilled, there and *on earth*, in the Hearts of **The KING** believing children.

**The KINGdom of Heaven** is where **GOD Reign Supreme** and **JESUS CHRIST is KING**.

**The KINGdom of Heaven** is not some space, place, territory, politics/politicians, but rather, **ONE of KINGly Rule, Reign, and Sovereign Control**. So, I must ask,

**“Which are You, Weed or Wheat?”**

Matthew 13: 38, **JESUS** sent the multitude away and went into the house. There **HE** explains this parable...

1. V. 37, 38 **The SON of Man** sows the good seed--Wheat. The good seed are the sons of **The KINGdom**.
2. V. 38, The field is the world. But the tares--Weed are the sons of the wicked one.
3. V. 39, The Enemy who sowed the tares--Weed, wicked sons, is the Devil.
4. V. 39b, The harvest is the End of the Age.
5. V. 39c, The Reapers are **the Angels of The SON of Man**.
6. V. 40, At the End of the Age, the tares--Weed, wicked sons of the Devil, will be gathered together and burned in the fire.
7. V. 41, **The SON of Man** sends out **HIS Angels**—they will gather out all things that offend—those who practice lawlessness (*disorder, disregard for Law, disrespect, criminality, attitudes of I want build a dam in Heaven and I should want build a dam on earth*).
8. V. 42a, **The SON of Man Angels** will cast them into the furnace of fire.
9. V. 42b, There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. (That is, worry, upset, anger, uncontrollable frustrations)
10. V. 43a, The righteous will shine forth as **The SUN (SON) in The KINGdom** of their **FATHER**.
11. V. 43b, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear with their heart!”

Can I give you **JESUS** answer to this Mystery?

Can I offer to you **The HOLY SPIRIT** help to the present day *Why*, questions you have?

1. **JESUS** said, "There are Two Simultaneous Reigns going on."

a. **The KINGdom of Heaven** that Eternal. b. *The World* and Satan temporary reign.

The question to be answered by you and me, Who *Reigns* over you?

2. **JESUS** said, "There are Two Sowers, sowing Seeds right now."

a. **JESUS**, is Sowing "good seed," **HIS Wheat**, right now! *We know now*—**GOD** had/has a **Divine purpose**: we are not left alone with *meager resources* to cope with our problems.

*We know now*—that when we don't know the right words to pray, **GOD through The HOLY SPIRIT**, interprets our grown and cries, and **GOD** answers. *We know now* that **GOD, WHO'S** in everything, the *good* of **HIS KINGdom** and the *evil* of this world; yet **GOD, causes everything to work together**, for our long-range *good*. That's why we **Love HIM**. That's why we received **HIS call** from *darkness to light*, from *sin to salvation*, from a *world of hell* to a **KINGdom** of Joy/Peace.

Purposed by GOD; Purchased by JESUS precious shed Blood; Planted here in this world but rooted in **Glory Land... Sovereignly Placed**, and Productively bearing fruit, *much fruit, more fruit* for **GOD**.

b. Satan, is sowing his seed, his *Weed*, right now! Murder(*ing*) of their own brothers.

The Father of *lies* and the Father of *liars*. There is no Truth in Him and none in His seed.

They all are *deceivers*, calling *good* evil, and *evil* good. Calling **The Truth** falsehood, and falsehood **Truth**. He makes you a *slave*, but tell you are free!

Those who have not been "born-again," made a "New creation," still in the dark and not in **The LIGHT** are bad-Weeds of the Devil.

3. **JESUS** said, "There are Two Dangers right now."

a. The Danger of the "Weeds" making **the Worshippers of GOD** at the Church-house *Weak*. The Danger of the "Weeds" *weakening The Faith of CHRISTians* who are not committed and devoted in following **JESUS, The Head of The Church**.

b. The Danger of **zealous CHRISTians** who are quick to pull up, put out, look down on the "weed" in the Church-house. The Danger of **zealous CHRISTians** who desire to *purify The Church-house* but with a *judging, judgmental spirit*. The Danger of **zealous CHRISTians** to *expose the counterfeits* and at the same time judge the **True CHRISTians**. The Danger of **zealous CHRISTians** who attempt to *split The Church; blame The Church, leave The Church*, they claim. **Only GOD, The SON of GOD, JESUS The CHRIST** can *Judge* and will *Judge All!*

4. **JESUS** said, v. 30, "Let both Grow Together..." *Both* side by side. The sons of **The KINGdom** and the sons of the Devil. The Wheat and the tare—Weed. Both patiently growing together.

V. 28, "**The servants said, the enemy hath done this. Shall we pull up the weeds.**

V. 29, **NO, you will hurt the wheat if you do.**

What do we learn...? We *must LOVE like JESUS!* Don't see them as unacceptable, to far gone, impossible to help; to hard to break... **LOVE Sacrificially—GOD in JESUS** did it "*for us.*"

Psalms 62: 8, **GOD** is a refuge “for us.”

Romans 5: 8, “While we were still *sinners*, **CHRIST** died “for us.”

Ephesians 5: 2, “Walk in Love, as **CHRIST** also loved us and gave **HIMSELF**, “for us.”

Hebrews 9: 24, “**JESUS** now appears in Heaven, in **The Presence of GOD** “for us.”

Nehemiah 4: 20, “Our **GOD** will fight “for us.”

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### Love Lifted Me

I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more; But **The MASTER** of the sea  
Heard my despairing cry, From the waters lifted me—Now safe am I.

Love lifted me, Love lifted me, When nothing else could help, Love lifted me!

All my heart to **HIM** I give, Ever to **HIM** I'll cling,  
In **HIS** blessed Presence live, Ever **HIS** praises sing.  
Love so mighty and so true, Merits my soul's best songs; Faithful Loving service too  
To **HIM** belongs.

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