

**Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church of Beaumont**  
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**Lesson # 8 July 18, 2023 – July 23, 2023**

**Unit II:** Jesus envisions the Kingdom

**Subject:** Growing Together

**Text:** Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

**Key Verse:**

**Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn (Matthew 13: 30, KJV).**

**Lesson Pointers:**

- 1) Let Them All Grow Together (Matthew 13: 24-30)
- 2) Let the Called Glow Together (Matthew 13: 36-43)

**Introduction**

The bad may look similar to the good; as Christians we welcome saints, sinners, and hypocrites into the church house of GOD. Because most of the time, the average person cannot tell the one from the other. The people may be easily fooled, but GOD who sees all and knows all can never be fooled, because HE is an omniscient GOD who discerns the very thoughts and hearts of an individual. You see GOD Almighty knows who belong to HIM, hypocrites may dress themselves up and take a seat beside the faithful Christians, but know that GOD will not allow HIS true believers to be distracted from doing the work of GOD for which they are called. So, we are to let sinners, and hypocrites grow among us because if we try and separate them, we will cause more damage than good. It is in GOD'S appointed time, that every living soul will have to give an account to HIM (GOD) for their own lives.

**Lesson Pointer # 1**

- Let Them All Grow Together (Matthew 13: 24-30)

After JESUS CHRIST taught the parable of the Sower, HE (JESUS CHRIST) gave another parable of wheat and tares, saying, that the Kingdom of heaven is likened to a man which sowed good seed in his field (Matthew 13: 24). Now, give ear to the detail of the parable that the owner sowed only good seed, and he sowed it only in his field, meaning that the owner knew his field in which he sowed seed, were of good soil. But notice, the parable, says, despite the owners best effort, and enemy came into the field overnight, and sowed tares among the wheat that had been sown, without being notice or seen (Matthew 13: 25). Now, the evidence of the enemy's work were notice when the wheat began to grow, and the owner noticed that tares had been sown in with the wheat (Matthew 13: 26). Now, as the servant went to the owner, saying, did not you sow good seed into your field, then, how has weeds enter (Matthew 13: 27)? The owner of the field said that an enemy had done this,

then said the servant, should we go and remove it (Matthew 13: 28). But the owner said unto the servant, no, because if you take up the tares you might uproot the wheat as well (Matthew 13: 29). So, the owner of the field said let them grow up both together, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, take the tares and bundle them together to be burned, and the wheat gather into my barn (Matthew 13: 30). It is of important that we do not try and remove sinners, and hypocrites from the church house of GOD, but rather to let them grow up together and to let GOD separate them in HIS (GOD'S) appointed time.

**Growing Together!**

**Lesson Pointer # 2**

- **Let the Called Grow Together (Matthew 13: 36-43)**

Jesus CHRIST after sending the multitude away went into the house: and HIS disciples said unto themselves, should we not remove evil from among the good if we find it, are, is JESUS CHRIST suggesting that good and evil should grow up together. So, the disciples asked JESUS CHRIST to explain to them the meaning of the parable (Matthew 13: 36). JESUS CHRIST answered them, saying, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man, the Messiah, JESUS CHRIST (Matthew 13: 37); The field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the Kingdom; but note, that the tares are the children of the wicked one (Matthew 13: 38). Now, then the enemy that sowed the seed is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels (Matthew 13: 39). JESUS CHRIST explained the characters of the parable, and then moved on to explain to HIS disciples the mystery and overall meaning of the parable. JESUS CHRIST tells his disciples that the gathering and burning are synonymous to the end of the world (Matthew 13: 40). JESUS CHRIST goes on to say and to explain the results of being patience and perseverance. Saying, the LORD will send angels to gather all those that are offensive, and them which do iniquity out of HIS (JESUS CHRIST) Kingdom (Matthew 13: 41). These that are offensive and do iniquity in the Kingdom of the LORD, shall be thrown into an eternal fire, where there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 13: 42). Then JESUS CHRIST said that the righteous reward of the faithful, they shall shine forth as the sun, and that the righteous will never be forgotten, and that the wicked will never escape. Then JESUS CHRIST sealed HIS words reminding us (HIS disciples) that not all will hear or receive HIS (JESUS CHRIST) message (Matthew 13: 43). So, if today, you hear GOD'S word, harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness (Psalm 95: 8).

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