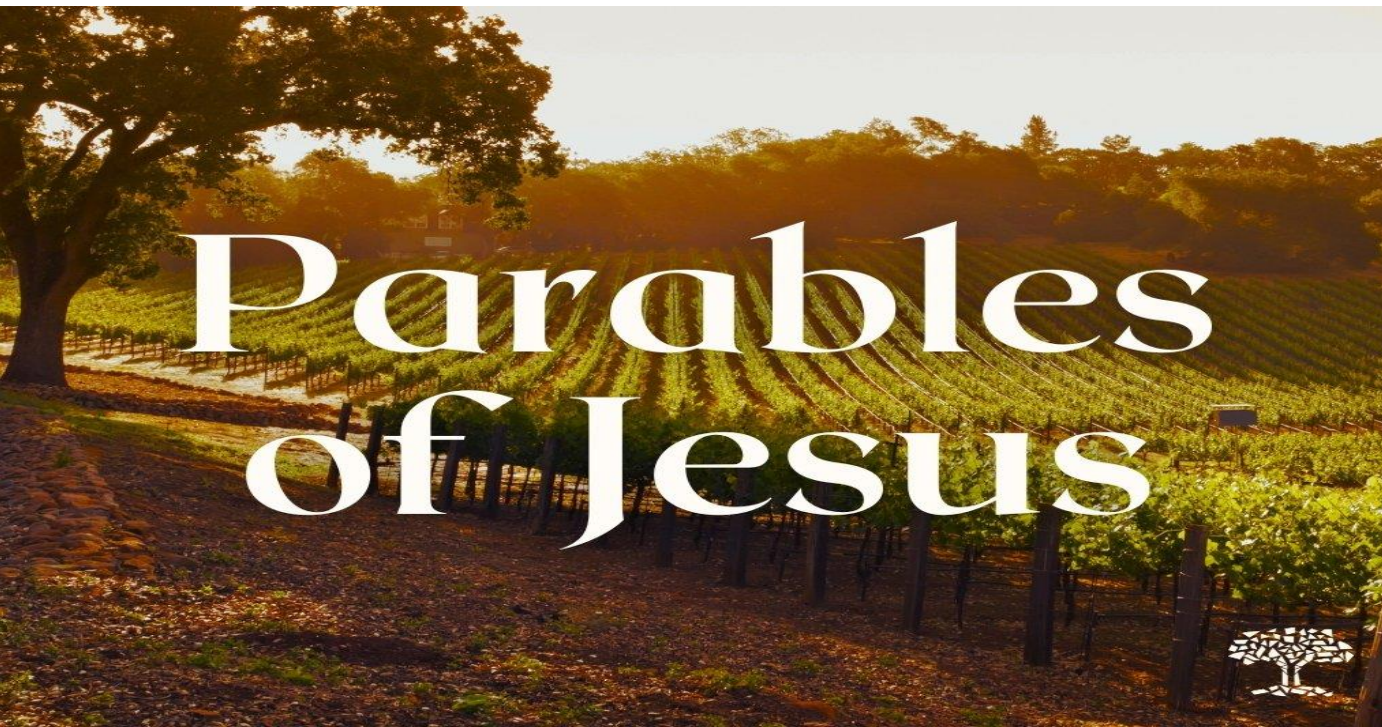


The Parable of the Weeds

Matthew

13:24-30, 36-43



Matthew 13

The Seven Parables of the Kingdom

***“He who has ears,
let him hear.”***



Matthew 13:1-23 *The Parable of the Sower*

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 *The Parable of the Weeds*

Matthew 13:31-32 *The Parable of the Mustard Seed*

Matthew 13:33 *The Parable of the Yeast*

Matthew 13:44-45 *Parable of the Treasure & the Pearl*

Matthew 13:47-52 *Parable of the Net*

THE PROBLEM OF EVIL

In the World

Why is evil so persistent in the world?

In the Kingdom Life

Why is discipleship so challenging?

Romans 14:17 *Kingdom of God is a matter of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

Really?

Matthew

13:24-30; 36-43

***Parable of the
Wheat and Weeds***

Questions of Evil

How he gets here?

How he works?

How to live with him?

How to get rid of him?



A man sow wheat in the field

'The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

His enemy sows weeds secretly together

²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

It came to light only when the seeds grew

Jesus told them another parable:



The servants are not allowed to pull the weeds

*'The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?"
29 "No," he answered, "because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them.*

It will harm the wheat

**Wheat and weeds are
almost indistinguishable**



WHEAT: before it is fully ripe.



TARES: Lolium Temulentum

The harvesters will take care of the weeds

***30** Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.”*

Tied and Burnt.

Then the wheat are harvested



V36-43 Jesus Explains the Parable

'The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.

*³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one,
³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.*





The Field is the World where his Kingdom is

- *The two Sowers are Jesus and the devil who sow the good and bad seeds*
- *The wheat are disciples of his kingdom*
- *The weeds are the people of the evil one*
- *The harvest is at the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels*

Evil is Active in the World

**Kingdom of God co-exist with
Kingdom of Evil in the World**

Evil is Incarnate

He works in people to attack the owner.

He always works where the owner is working.

He is always destructive and work in the dark.



He targets the Christians

On Going Spiritual Battles!

Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, authorities, the powers of this dark world and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.



Be sober; be vigilant;
because your adversary the devil
walks about like a roaring lion,
seeking whom he may devour.
Resist him.

1 Peter 5:8-9 (New King James Version)

Eradication of Evil

⁴⁰ ‘As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.

**Not now! God’s Timing!
End of the Age.**

Beware!

***Moral indignation can lead
to mental impatience
“Let’s get rid of it now!”***



**If you start to interfere with his plan,
you may do more harm than good.**

you may uproot the wheat with them

**Only God knows the
hearts of people**

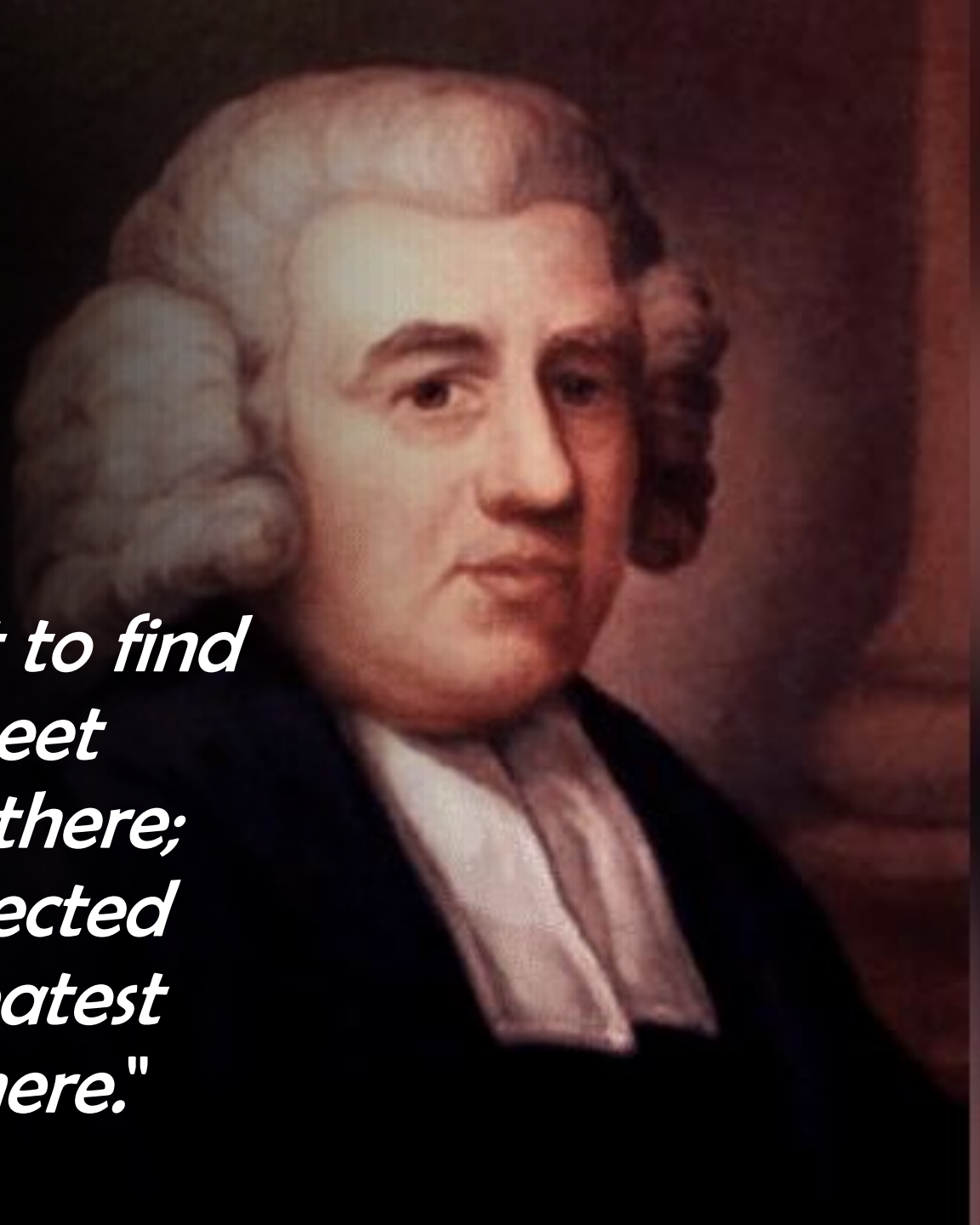
*We have no ability to
differentiate the wheat
from the weeds*



Amazing Grace

John Newton

"If ever I reach heaven I expect to find three wonders there: first, to meet some I had not thought to see there; second, to miss some I had expected to see there; and third- the greatest wonder of all- to find myself there."



**It takes angels
to eradicate devil
NOT US**

The outcome is certain!

*⁴² They will throw them
into the blazing furnace,
where there will be weeping
and gnashing of teeth.*

The weeds will be burnt!
The harvest will come.
The barn will be full.





God the Sovereign Father is in Control

***⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like
the sun in the kingdom of their Father.
Whoever has ears, let them hear.***

Integrity of the Kingdom

***The kingdom is still intact and
wholesome despite the onslaught of evil.
His children will continue to thrive
even in the face of evil.***

Be a Faithful and Fruitful Disciple

Concentrate on being the Wheat!

We can thrive even with the evil around us

Persevere! We experience His love even more

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings,
because we know that suffering produces perseverance;
perseverance, character; and character, hope.

And hope does not put us to shame, because
God's love has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 5:3-5

His Timing is Perfect

Jesus is not slow in coming again.

God desires everyone to be saved!

He is the '*God of Endless Chance*' in this age.

**Extend this grace and mercy
to each other in the community**



**Share the Gospel to
Everyone**

*Don't give up on each other
quicker than God does!*

THRIVE!
***Be His Victorious
Witness!***



**Go Mission
with God**