

“Am I Wheat or a Weed?”

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Matthew 13:24-25

24 Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

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

† The world has evil (weeds) with the good (wheat).

† Evil often comes at no neglect from anyone.

Matthew 13:26 - When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

† The weed Jesus is describing is the darnel plant.

† Darnel looks identical to wheat in its early stages.

Matthew 13:27-30a

27 "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

28 "'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

29 "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest.

† Just as the darnel is hard to tell apart from the wheat, it is often hard to tell which people are weeds (evil) and which people are wheat (righteous).

† The wheat are those people who do the right thing.

† The weeds are those people who lead people to do the wrong thing.

Matthew 13:30 - 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."

† This parable points up the fact that I am not to judge others.

† Evil and goodness will co-exist together in this world, but, in the end, there will be a judgement by God.

† It's much easier for me to see who is wheat and weeds in others but harder in myself.

† I am to promote goodness and not be selfish and choke the goodness of others.

Applying Today's Message to My Life:

† Who do I know that is like a weed in the lives of others?

† Who do I know who is like wheat in the lives of others?

† When have I been like a weed to others?

† When have I been like wheat to others?

† If someone were to follow me around for a few days, will they see me acting like wheat or weeds?

† What can I do this week to be more like wheat in the lives of others than a weed?