

## Sermon, Signs, Stories

Lesson 17

Matthew 13:24-43

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| <p><b>Matthew 13:24-30</b></p> <p><b>The Parable of the Weeds</b></p> <p><sup>24</sup> Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. <sup>26</sup> When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.</p> <p><sup>27</sup> “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?’</p> <p><sup>28</sup> “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.</p> <p>“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’</p> <p><sup>29</sup> “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> 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.’”</p> |  |   |
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| <p><b>Matthew 13:31-35</b></p> <p><b>The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast</b></p> <p><sup>31</sup> He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. <sup>32</sup> Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”</p> <p><sup>33</sup> He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds<sup>[a]</sup> of flour until it worked all through the dough.”</p> <p><sup>34</sup> Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. <sup>35</sup> So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:</p> <p>“I will open my mouth in parables,<br/>                     I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.”<sup>[b]</sup></p> | Empty space for observations                   | Empty space for interpretation &amp; questions                                |
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| <p><b>Footnotes:</b></p> <p>a. <u>Matthew 13:33</u> Or about 27 kilograms</p> <p>b. <u>Matthew 13:35</u> Psalm 78:2</p>   |  |   |
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| <p><b>Matthew 13:36-43</b></p> <p><b>The Parable of the Weeds Explained</b></p> <p><sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."</p> <p><sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> 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, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.</p> <p><sup>40</sup> "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. <sup>42</sup> They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.</p> | Empty space for observations                   | Empty space for interpretation  |
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## Reflections

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### Judgement

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#### Scriptures:

Daniel 12:3

Romans 2:1-2

#### Question:

1. Describe a time when you passed judgment on others. What were the consequences?

2. How can you obey God's Word instead of judging?



